

ANC6E Opposition to Extension Request BZA Order 19722 – Zoning Relief for 923-927 5th Street NW

Mr. Frederick L. Hill Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th Street NW #200 Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Hill:

On July 5, 2022, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting of ANC6E conducted via videoconference with a quorum of 5 out of 7 Commissioners and the public present, ANC6E voted to **oppose** the extension request Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) order by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

ANC6E notes with concern that the property appears to be unsecured, which has resulted in:

- an illegal dumping area including for large items like mattresses, couches, and other unwanted furniture;
- rodents and rodent burrows;
- overgrown brush;
- graffiti lining the walls of adjacent properties; and
- a visual eyesore for dozens of residents whose properties overlook the site.

Indeed, during the last two years, it has often appeared that the property has been completely abandoned and has suffered from the abject neglect of its ownership.

ANC6E further notes that the overgrown conditions and prolific presence of rodents, which burrow at the site when not searching for food throughout the community, create a health concern in a neighborhood that is densely populated and has a large restaurant presence. For these reasons, ANC6E opposes the property owner's extension request to BZA Order 19722 and urges the property owner to engage with the community and ANC6E to undertake significant steps to cure the current conditions.

On behalf of the Commission,

Chair Michael Eicher, ANC6E