

To Planning and Zoning Committee and ANC 6B

September 4<sup>th</sup> , 2014

Dear committee members and fellow neighbors,

I have lived on Capitol Hill since 2005 at 6<sup>th</sup> and South Carolina Ave. SE and love the neighborhood and plan on growing old here. Both of my daughters attend or attended Brent Elementary, and I have helped raise thousands of dollars in support of Brent working with local restaurants and creating the "Taste of the Hill" fundraiser. I have watched as the neighborhood has grown and changed and been part of that growth. When we moved to Capitol Hill, the only restaurant on Barrack's row worth going to was Belga Café, but now when you walk down the street on a nice day you see every restaurant and patio filled with people enjoying this neighborhood. Whenever I walk down that street, I say hello to a friend. The Eastern Market neighborhood of Capitol Hill has a true sense of place and community, and that is a beautiful thing.

That is why I am writing to support &pizza joining this neighborhood. They offer a high quality and unique dining experience, and they also support the communities they work in. If you go in to their store on H street Northeast, you will notice that all of the workers (mostly local people) are trained in a bit of sign language so that they can better serve the needs of the Gallaudet students. The owners are ethical people who believe that it is a good business practice to give back to the neighborhoods they join. &pizza has been part of the change on H Street that makes it a desirable commercial corridor for people on the Hill and a destination for those across the city.

This is why I think that having an &pizza on the corner next to Starbucks would be an asset to the neighborhood and fulfill a niche for great quality individual pizzas that is not being filled on Barrack's Row. You should not consider them a "fast food" chain restaurant. They are a small and growing local business of fast-casual restaurants that offers much higher quality and style than any fast food. The design of their restaurants has a cool urban look of tile and stainless steel. It is a restaurant that I would be proud to have in my neighborhood, and a place that I would frequent regularly with my family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Floyd".

Chris Floyd