

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. Frederick Hill Chairperson Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th Street NW, Suite 210S Washington, DC 20001 bzasubmissions@dc.gov

RE: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for 3629 T Street NW (BZA #19633A)

Dear Chairperson Hill,

On April 30, 2018 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E does not support a special exception to construct a vestibule at 3629 T Street NW. As part of the initial Board of Zoning Adjustment application for the same property, case number 19633, relief was not granted for a vestibule. Although the issue of the altered front façade was discussed at the public hearing for case number 19633, it was discussed as being a matter of right element and not an element that required relief.

The Office of Planning report dated April 27, 2018 for case number 19633A states "the Board acknowledged that the changes the applicant made to the building's front made it more compatible with the street frontage." However, ANC 2E notes that all vestibules in Burleith that were constructed prior to this case along the street front were constructed illegally if constructed under the new Zoning Regulations without special exception relief.

ANC 2E also notes that 1205.2 of DC's Zoning Regulations states that "a front setback consistent with at least one (1) of the immediately adjacent properties on either side shall be provided in the R-20 zone." Additionally, the ANC notes that the findings of fact from the Office of the Attorney General and the Zoning Administrator stating that a vestibule qualifies for special exception relief have not been provided.

COMMISSIONERS:

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Gibbons Chair, ANC 2E