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Resolution in Support of a Zoning Exception Regarding Placement of an Exterior Stairway and Dumbwaiter from Proposed Crown Bakery Roof Deck

Whereas:

Crown Bakery is a popular local restaurant and bakery on the 5400 block of Georgia Ave.;

The proprietor of Crown Bakery, Mr. Trevor Selman, would like to expand the business by providing dining space on a roof deck, adding a unique and welcome amenity to the neighborhood;

Mr. Selman is prepared to make a large investment in order to conform to safety and fire codes;

The fire code requires two egresses from the roof dining area. One egress, a staircase inside the building, leading to the street, now exists. A second egress must be built as an exterior staircase at the back of the building, leading to the backyard and alley;

The safety code requires the base of the exterior stairway to rest 15 feet from the center of the alley;

The backyard of the building cannot accommodate a 15-foot distance between a staircase base to the center of the alley. At most a staircase could rest 9 feet, 3 inches from the center of the alley;

In addition, Mr. Selman would install a dumbwaiter to move food and drink expeditiously between the roof deck and the street-level kitchen, providing excellent service to diners;

A zoning exception is the only way Mr. Selman can complete this project, which would benefit the 5400 block of Georgia Avenue NW and its nearby residents, the majority of whom have signed letters of support.

Therefore, be it resolved that ANC 4D urges the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the request of Crown Bakery proprietor Trevor Selman to build an exterior staircase whose base is located 9 feet 3 inches from the center of the alley and install a dumbwaiter to serve the new rooftop dining space.

Be it further resolved that ANC 4D appoints Commissioner Nancy E. Roth, 4D01, to represent the full Commission in all proceedings related to this business.

At a duly noticed public meeting held March 20, 2018, ANC 4D voted in the presence of a quorum on the above resolution: 6 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstained. The resolution is passed.

Signed by Lisa Colbert (Lisa Colbert), Chair of ANC 4D, on March 20, 2018

Signed by Amy Hemingway (Amy Hemingway), Secretary of ANC 4D, on March 20, 2018

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