

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



November 13, 2018

Mr. Clifford Moy Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th St. NW, Suite 210 Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Case No. 19891 (1657-61 Gales Street, NE)

Dear Mr. Moy:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on November 8, 2018¹, our Commission voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Applicant's request pursuant to 11 DCMR Subtitle X, Chapter 10, for an area variance from the lot dimension requirements of Subtitle E § 201.1, to construct two new flats in the RF-1 Zone.

The design has taken measures to ensure that the addition is in the character of the neighborhood and it will not disrupt the privacy, air and light of neighbors. The developer has shown that the nature, location and size of the lot would place an undue burden that would preclude their development. As such, variance relief is warranted, and is in the best interests of the neighborhood. This development would take an empty lot that is currently a blight on the neighborhood and turn it into housing that will benefit individuals who are serving the city. The ANC believes that this development will not substantially visually intrude upon the character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood.

Please be advised that Brad Greenfield and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at philanc6a@gmail.com and Mr. Greenfield can be contacted at brad.greenfield@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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