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Ms. Keara Mehlert
Secretary, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Mr. Brian Hanlon
Director, District of Columbia Department of Buildings (DOB)
1100 4th Street SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: ANC 6A BZA #20554A Support for Special Exceptions (1022 Maryland Avenue, NE)

Dear Ms. Mehlert and Mr. Hanlon,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on February 13, 2024, our Commission voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for a Time Extension to Board of Zoning Adjustment Order Number 20554.

The ANC is satisfied that the Time Extension criteria has been met through discussions with neighbors and that approval of the request is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Map, and it will not tend to adversely affect the use of neighboring property. BZA Case 20554, 1022 Maryland Avenue, N.E., represents a request to permit the continuation of a Youth Residential Care Home for up to 15 youth.

Further, we ask that you expedite all valid requests associated with this facility in order to bring it into compliance with updated zoning regulations and Certificate of Occupancy requirements. In particular, Mr. Hanlon, we ask that you give special attention to Sasha Bruce Youthwork's application for a Certificate of Occupancy at 1022 Maryland NE in order to reduce any further delays. In adding its support to this request, ANC6A reiterated the original agreement between Sasha Bruce and the ANC to maintain a Community Liaison Community, and subsequent agreements to involve the ANC in review of planned alterations to the building, in particular the external aspects of the building.

Please be advised that Joal Mendonsa, Michael Cushman, and I are authorized to act on behalf of ANC 6A for the purposes of this case. I can be contacted at 6A05@anc.dc.gov, Mr. Cushman at michael.cushman@gmail.com, and Joal Mendonsa at joal.mendonsa@gmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Dave Wethington
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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