



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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June 20, 2025

Ms. Keara Mehlert Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW, Suite 210
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Via email at bzasubmissions@dc.gov

Re: ANC 6A Support for BZA #21334 of Della Barba Pizza LLC

Dear Ms. Mehlert:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on June 12, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted 5-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for Della Barba Pizza, LLC, at 1382 East Capitol Street, NE, BZA case number 21334. The applicant requests a use variance and special exception to expand its existing, nonconforming, pizza restaurant use beyond the first floor, with cellar, in order to provide for additional seasonal outdoor patio seating within the public space. Specifically, the applicants request a Special Exception for relief from the minimum vehicle parking requirements of Subtitle C § 701, pursuant to Subtitle C § 703.2 and Subtitle X § 901.2, as well as use variance for the residential conversion requirements of Subtitle U § 320.1(a) pursuant to Subtitle X § 1002.

ANC 6A supports this application because it reflects a thoughtful and measured expansion of a well-established neighborhood business that has operated conscientiously and has demonstrated a commitment to community stewardship. The proposed use aligns with the property's long history as a commercial space and provides an appropriate and beneficial neighborhood-serving amenity in the form of additional seasonal outdoor dining. The applicant has proactively engaged with ANC 6A, including discussion during ANC 6A's Economic Development and Zoning (EDZ) committee meeting of May 21, 2025, as well as with members of the surrounding community, to understand and address concerns related to noise, traffic, and the use of public space. Given the applicant's track record of responsible operation and their engagement with community stakeholders, ANC 6A urges the Board to approve this application.

Thank you for giving great weight to the views of ANC 6A. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 6A05@anc.dc.gov or EDZ Co-Chair Michael Cushman at michael.cushman@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Dave Wethington
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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