# Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B



# RESOLUTION #4B- 07-0703 Supporting Board of Zoning and Adjustment Case No 21341 6001 Georgia Avenue NW Communication Towers Consolidation Project

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (Commission) takes note of the following:

**WHEREAS,** the existing communication towers serve as a central hub for mission-critical communications infrastructure relied upon by the Metropolitan Police Department, the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, the Office of Unified Communications, Washington Metro Area Transit Authority, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other public safety agencies throughout the District and surrounding region.

**WHEREAS,** the applicant, the District of Columbia, is requesting special exception relief pursuant to Subtitle C Section 1313.6 and Subtitle X Section 901.2, and, in the alternative, variance relief pursuant to Subtitle X Section 1002.1, due to the site's inability to meet the required 500-foot separation from residentially zoned or developed property under Subtitle C Section 1313.4 and the setback standards under Sections 1313.8 and 1313.9.

**WHEREAS,** the applicant has demonstrated that this project satisfies the applicable criteria for relief, including evidence that no alternate location or mounting option is available, that the proposed design represents the least intrusive and most technically appropriate solution, and that all operations will comply fully with Federal Communications Commission standards for public health and safety.

**WHEREAS,** the Commission recognizes the public value of modernizing this essential infrastructure and the urgency of replacing aging towers to prevent service interruptions, but also affirms its responsibility to advocate for the protection and well-being of nearby residents, students, and schools, including

the children and families served by Bridges Academy, located directly adjacent to the site.

**WHEREAS,** the applicant and relevant District agencies have proposed staging construction equipment and parking police vehicles on the adjacent grassy field at Quackenbos Street and Georgia Avenue NW, which currently functions as informal but essential outdoor learning and play space for Bridges Academy students.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B formally supports the zoning relief requested in BZA Case No. 21341, contingent upon the following critical conditions:

- Prior to the relocation of any Metropolitan Police Department vehicles or the commencement of construction staging on the Quackenbos Street NW grassy area, the applicant must develop and present a detailed and binding plan, created in direct coordination with Bridges Academy leadership and community stakeholders, to ensure uninterrupted access to safe, sufficient outdoor space for students during the entire project timeline.
- ➤ Prior to the commencement of construction, the Commission requires a comprehensive environmental impact assessment to evaluate the short and long-term effects of construction and vehicle staging on the grassy field, including soil compaction, drainage disruption, and public health implications. A complete land restoration plan must also be submitted to return the area to a usable and improved condition for the benefit of the school and surrounding community.
- ANC 4B calls for a formal traffic impact study to address the consequences of removing police vehicles from their original location on the Fourth District MPD campus. This study must assess effects on traffic circulation, school access, pedestrian safety, and emergency vehicle mobility along Georgia Avenue NW and adjacent residential streets.

#### **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Commission designates Commissioner Chair Sophia Fasil Tekola, ANC 4B05 and Commissioner Charlie Mayer, ANC 4B04, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

## **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Vice -Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

## **URTHER RESOLVED:**

That, consistent with DC Code § 1-309, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed special public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered in any way associated with the Commission.

**ADOPTED** by voice vote at a special public meeting on July 6, 2025 (notice of which was publicized on June 29, 2025), by a vote of 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

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