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Ms. Keara Mehlert Secretary of the Board of Zoning Adjustment  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
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Via email at [bzasubmissions@dc.gov](mailto:bzasubmissions@dc.gov)

**Re: ANC 6A Support for BZA #21355 of Robert and Rachael Loper**

Dear Ms. Mehlert,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on September 11, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A voted 7-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the request for Robert and Rachael Loper at 916 D Street NE, BZA case number 21355. The applicant proposes to construct a front porch addition, to an existing, semi-detached, two-story with basement, principal dwelling unit in the RF-1 zone. Specifically, the applicant requested a Special Exception for relief from the lot occupancy requirements of Subtitle E § 210.1, pursuant to Subtitle E § 5201 and Subtitle X § 901.2.

During the ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting on July 17, 2025, Ms. Loper presented her plans to reconstruct a front porch that was historically part of the home but has long since been removed. She provided documentation from the D.C. Public Library's building archive, photographs of similar porches in the neighborhood, and a significant number of letters and emails of support from nearby residents. The proposed porch design is consistent with the character of the neighborhood and draws from guidance provided by the D.C. Historic Preservation Office. 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 owner has proven that the Special Exception criteria has been met through submission of architectural drawings and discussions with neighbors. The ANC believes that this development will align with the character, scale, and pattern of houses in the neighborhood.

Thank you for giving great weight to the views of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [6A05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6A05@anc.dc.gov), or EDZ Co-Chair Michael Cushman at [michael.cushman@gmail.com](mailto:michael.cushman@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Dave Wethington  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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