

July 27, 2020

Anthony J. Hood Chair Zoning Commission of the District of Columbia 441 4th Street, NW Suite 210-S Washington, DC 20001

Re: ZC 19-21 (Text Amendment, Rooftop Elements)

Dear Chairman Hood:

We write to state our overall support¹ for the proposed rulemaking published in the June 26 Register.

As set forth in our written submission (Exhibit 8) for the hearing in this case, ANC 6C would have preferred to eliminate special-exception relief for substantial adverse impacts on adjacent solar systems, subjecting such requests instead to the more demanding variance test. However, we understand that the Zoning Commission has chosen not to go that route. It is clear from the post-heating record that the Commission and Office of Planning have invested significant effort in articulating new criteria for special exceptions in this area. We look forward to seeing how these new standards are applied in practice by BZA.

ANC 6C also thanks the Commission and Office of Planning for adopting several of our earlier edits and recommendations.

Thank you for giving great weight to the views of ANC 6C.

Sincerely,

Karen Wirt Karen Wirt Chair, ANC 6C

¹ On July 8, 2020, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled monthly meeting, with a quorum of six out of six commissioners and the public present via videoconference, this matter came before ANC 6C. The commissioners voted 6-0 to adopt the position set out in this letter.