

September 13, 2021

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

Re: <u>ZC 21-09 (899-999 N. Capitol St. NE Design Review)</u>

Dear Chairman Hood:

We write to provide our views¹ on the application noted above. In brief, ANC 6C supports the application.

When the ANC voted in July, it conditioned its support on two specific changes: a commitment to guaranteed depth of view for the ground floors and additional public bicycle racks and other public-realm features (such as seating). As recited in the applicant's pre-hearing statement (Exhibit 12), these concerns have been more than adequately addressed by the application as revised.

In addition, the ANC suggested further study of the roofline and materials for the ground-floor addition to 999 N. Capitol. Unlike with the corresponding features at 899 N. Capitol, which we strongly support, there was some concern that the 999 addition too closely resembles contemporary, widespread, and inexpensive purpose-built retail architecture. While noting this issue for the Commission's consideration, we emphasize that our support for the project is not conditioned on any specific change to this aspect of the proposal.

¹ On July 14, 2021, 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.

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

Sincerely,

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Chair, ANC 6C