



Government of the District of Columbia  
**Advisory Neighborhood  
Commission 6C**

December 20, 2017

Ms. Marnique Heath  
Chair, Historic Preservation Review Board  
1100 4th Street, SW, Suite E650  
Washington, DC 20024

Re: 518 6th St. NE (HPA 18-108)

Dear Ms. Heath:

On December 14, 2017, at a duly noticed regularly scheduled monthly meeting, with a quorum of five out of six commissioners and the public present, this case came before ANC 6C. The commissioners voted 5-0 to support the application (with two caveats) and to authorize Commissioner Mark Eckenwiler (6C06) to present our views before the Board.

As the Board is aware, this property was the subject of a problem-plagued application by the previous owner. ANC 6C is pleased that the new owners submitting the current application have made a concerted—and good-faith—effort to engage with us and the immediate neighbors and to respond to questions and concerns. The current application, as revised, respects those concerns and is consistent with the purposes of the District's historic preservation law.

We draw the Board's attention to two specific aspects of the proposal that would benefit from further study. First, we urge the Board and HPO staff to look carefully at the materials and design of the proposed front areaway grate (and the dimensions/material/thickness of the areaway retaining wall) to ensure historic compatibility. Second, the brick used to infill the top of the existing front cellar window opening should match the brick on the original façade.

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

Sincerely,

Karen Wirt  
Chair, ANC 6C