



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. H. Alan Brangman, Chairman, and Members of the Board
Old Georgetown Board
401 F Street NW, Suite 312
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Dear Chairman Brangman and Members of the Board:

On September 5, 2023 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on September 7, 2023:

With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 23-257 (HPA 23-406) 1000 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW and SMD 2E05 - OG 23-258 (HPA 23-407) 1050 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW:

While ANC 2E does not typically review projects like this one in consecutive months, the ANC appreciates the applicant listening to neighbor concerns and responding by lowering the overall height and refining the design in order to improve the light and scale of the two buildings. The ANC also recognizes that the applicant acknowledges the importance of the façade and landscape design in this historic district. As in the ANC's resolution of July 5, 2023, the ANC supports this project and leaves recommendations of final design to the Old Georgetown Board.

With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 23-241 (HPA 23-390) 2801 N Street, NW:

Kesher Israel Congregation is a critical part of Georgetown's community fabric and a wonderful partner to our community. This proposed project will not only better serve the Kesher congregation, especially with regards to safety and access for all, but will improve the three historic properties owned by Kesher. However, this project is massive and the proposal has evolved since the initial proposal.

ANC 2E appreciates the design changes on the 28th Street NW view that Kesher did in response to neighbor and Old Georgetown Board concerns. The ANC also appreciates the design work that Kesher did to address some of the noise and structural concerns raised by the neighbors to the north whose wall is immediately next to Kesher's property, such as moving the location of the internal pipping away from the neighbors. The ANC does encourage that, should this project

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move forward, a structural engineer must be engaged to work with this immediate neighbor, especially as the neighbor has shared that they have no footers.

After several meetings with neighbors, the applicant created additional renderings from various vantage points and re-reviewed some design and material decisions. ANC 2E appreciates these efforts. Due to these evolving aspects of this proposal, the ANC requests that the Old Georgetown Board carefully reviews three things with regard to this updated proposal: how can additional greenery be added to the west elevation area to both account for the loss of trees and to address privacy concerns of the neighbor to the west, can the thoughtful neighbor comments on selected materials be incorporated into the design, and, finally, is the massing and height of the structure on the west side in keeping with the surrounding settings and can the design support further alignment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gwendolyn Lohse" in a cursive script. The signature ends with a long horizontal flourish.

Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E