

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Frederick Hill Chairperson Board of Zoning Adjustment 441 4th Street NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20001 bzasubmissions@dc.gov

RE: Appeal from the decision made on November 9, 2023, by the Director of the District of Columbia Office of Zoning at 1432 Wisconsin Avenue NW, DeLorean 88 LLC (BZA #21107)

Dear Chairperson Hill,

On September 3, 2024 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 resolution by a vote of (8-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

This case involves the zoning status affecting a public elementary school that has operated in its location since the construction of the Curtis School in 1875 presently known as Hyde Addison Elementary School.

The zoning of the appellant's property is not at issue here. The reason the appellant is questioning the zoning of a public school building's lot is that the appellant's tenant cannot obtain a cannabis retailer's license so long as the Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis Board (ABCA) continues to recognize that the school is within 300 feet of appellant's property and no exception or temporary loophole applies. ANC 2E supports ABCA in rigorously enforcing this proximity rule of not allowing Cannabis retailers within 300 feet of schools.

ANC 2E believes that the lot in question (Square 1244 Lot 0854) has always been entirely zoned residential and that the Office of Zoning made no order, requirement, decision,

determination, or refusal when on November 9, 2023, the software used to operate the public facing DC Zoning Maps was updated. This update merely clarified the zoning status of a lot that has been used for educational purposes since the Ulysses S. Grant administration.

The commission encourages the BZA to reject this appeal.

Commissioners Paul Maysak (2E03@anc.dc.gov) and Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representative in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gwendolyn Lohse

Chair, ANC 2E