

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E**

## Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Chairman, and Members of the Board Old Georgetown Board 401 F Street NW, Suite 312 Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

On September 2, 2025 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 4, 2025:

## OG 25-303 (HPA 25-366) 2920 R Street, NW (Square 1283, Lot 72)

ANC 2E recognizes a lengthy history associated with this application for the property at 2920 R Street NW understanding the initial renderings were submitted and discussed in 2014. Since 2014, hundreds of hours of deliberations and consultations between community members, the Old Georgetown Board, our ANC and other interested parties have led to this current set of plans before us today.

As many ANC 2E commissioners have stated and affirmed in past meetings, our ANC recognizes that neighbors wish to stay and grow their families in Georgetown. We appreciate applicants who are committed towards working with our neighbors, the ANC and the OGB to strike the right balance between preserving these nationally historic structures, (some of which dates back to the 1700s) while undergoing necessary upgrades to be used for modern living in this year of 2025. Historic Georgetown homes need love and care and good stewards, and it has been obvious to everyone that this crown jewel of Georgetown has lost its luster for the past decade.

The current concept continues the work of the previously proposed two-story addition along the east side, and would replace an existing one-story, century-old addition that houses the kitchen. The height and scale of this addition, along with the volume have been reduced several times since 2014. This reduction is meaningful as parties work to find a scaling that is more

proportionate. The garage would be placed underground, beneath an existing terrace on the south side of the house; accessed using a ramp along the west side yard and be largely screened from public view.

ANC 2E supports the timely restoration of this significant historic property in our Georgetown village. We respectfully ask that the Old Georgetown Board help finalize an east wing structure with appropriate massing and height and be thoughtful about its direct impact on the immediate neighboring structure in terms of appearance and proper spatial separation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, ANC 2E