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Tyrone Garrett, Director District of Columbia Housing Authority 1133 North Capitol Street NE Washington, DC 20002

VIA Email: Tgarrett@dchousing.org

Re: DCHA Plans for Potomac Gardens

Dear Director Garrett:

At a regularly scheduled properly noticed meeting on March 10, 2019, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 10-0-0 to request clarification on what, if any, plans the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) has for the Potomac Gardens Senior and Potomac Gardens Family buildings. First, we request DCHA notify the ANC before any financing application is submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Second, we note that early versions of the DCHA 20-Year Transformation Plan made available for public comment did not address redevelopment of Potomac Gardens, but that language specifically addressing Potomac Gardens is included in the Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan). As addressed in our comments on the Comp Plan, the ANC requests your assurance that any future plans for the Potomac Gardens rehabilitation should use the "build first" approach to minimize temporary disruption and displacement. The autonomy, equity, and resilient community networks of residents should be sustained and supported throughout (any planned) redevelopment and beyond.

Please contact Commissioner Kelly Waud, at 6B07@anc.dc.gov if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

Brian Ready Chair, ANC 6B

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