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RE: SL 24-036 - 229-233 Pennsylvania Avenue & 203 3rd Street SE

Dear Chair Tsien:

At a regularly scheduled, properly noticed, meeting on November 14th, 2023, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted (8-1-0) to transmit this letter to you regarding the above referenced matter.

ANC 6B believes that the design as presented to us for the buildings is generally appropriate and fits the character of the Capitol Hill neighborhood. The Commission, however, takes no position on the courtyard area at this time. The construction of the courtyard as proposed is contingent upon the alley at the rear of the properties being closed. That alley closing is currently before the Commission as a separate matter.

While we find the design generally appropriate, we write with respect to the issues of the privacy fence and roof terrace plantings at the rear of the property. Both elements are located on the roof of the structure that is designated as 203 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Rear SE. This is an area of concern for the adjacent neighbors, and we would respectfully request for the applicants be given maximum flexibility to increase the height of the fence and include sound-buffering plants (such as evergreen shrubs) to allow for optimal privacy and noise mitigation.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. Please contact Frank D’Andrea, Chair of ANC6B Planning and Zoning Committee at [6b04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:6b04@anc.dc.gov) if you have questions or need further information.

Respectfully,

Edward Ryder  
Chair, ANC 6B

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