



At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed, meeting on November 2023, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted unanimously to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS District of Columbia Department of Buildings is responsible for building permits, inspections, code enforcement, and violation abatement of the properties it oversees in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS Neighbors have repeatedly identified, reported, and advocated for enforcement of code violations for allowable uses of RF-1/CAP-zoned properties for years, including most recently submitting a list of at least 22 properties submitted directly to Acting Director Brian Hanlon in summer of 2023;

WHEREAS Neighbors continue to observe commercial actors purchasing rowhomes and conducting commercial activities, such as fundraisers and catered events organized by corporate entities or the leasing of property for explicitly commercial uses such as office space using these properties,

WHEREAS Neighbors continue to suffer adverse direct effects from commercial actors failing to maintain these properties leading to accumulation of trash, failure to abate rodents, persistent use of resident only ('red') parking zones, damage to shared infrastructure such as crosswalk signs repeatedly being damaged by vehicles, and District of Columbia residents are being forced into extensive administrative and legal action by outside commercial actors in response to potentially unfounded requests;

WHEREAS, the DOB maintains an inspection services division which includes inspection of properties for business licenses, housing and property maintenance, and illegal construction violations;

WHEREAS, Neighbors have submitted extensive photographic, written, and similar testimony to DOB through 311, inspection reports, reports to their ANC, community meetings, reports to their Ward 6 Councilmember, and through local media;

WHEREAS, Neighbors, the ANC, and the Ward 6 Councilmember have requested specific inputs from DOB regarding the status of existing properties submitted, the status of RF-1 zoning enforcement actions, and feedback on what policy limitations there may be limiting enforcement to inform improvements to enforcement and empower the DOB in future legislation, and

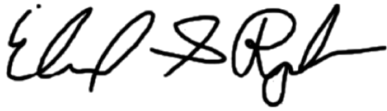
WHEREAS, Neighbors, the ANC, and the Ward 6 Councilmembers should not be burdened with conducting extensive personal investigations, navigating DC laws and regulations, and instead should be able to rely on their District of Columbia agencies and their professional staff to respond when preliminary evidence gathered shows a more likely than not violation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Commission requests DOB conduct a transparent, thorough, and coordinated inspection process of RF-1/CAP-zoned properties in ANC 6B located between 4<sup>th</sup> Street SE and the Capitol complex

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANCs 6B requests priority inspection, enforcement, and a report on the outcome of those inspections of properties previously submitted to DOB in summer of 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6B requests a good faith effort to share outcomes no later than November 30 by written report to the ANC and by in-person briefing during each ANC's respecting planning or zoning committee during their December meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6B urge the DOB to provide each ANC clarification on policy limitations to enforcement as part of the aforementioned read out.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Ryder', written in a cursive style.

Edward Ryder  
Chair, ANC 6B