



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Mr. H. Alan Brangman, Chairman, and Members of the Board  
Old Georgetown Board  
401 F Street NW, Suite 312  
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Dear Chairman Brangman and Members of the Board:

On April 1, 2019 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following positions on matters scheduled for consideration by the Old Georgetown Board on April 4, 2019:

### **With regard to SMD 2E03 - OG 19-084 (HPA 19-188) 3217 P Street, NW:**

ANC 2E has no comment on the design of the lighting fixtures proposed by the applicant. The ANC is concerned, however, about the possibility that the lighting may impact the historic homes at the rear of the property that front on either P Street or 32nd Street NW. The ANC asks the Old Georgetown Board to consider this matter.

ANC 2E also notes that it has been assured that the lighting, once it has been installed, would be adjustable. This adjustability could thus be used to address issues regarding the lighting impacting nearby homes.

### **With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 19-110 (HPA 19-238) 2934 M Street, NW:**

ANC 2E regrets that significant changes have been made to the property at 2934 M Street NW prior to receiving any approvals from the Old Georgetown Board for the work. These changes include the total transformation of a back patio, new signage, and the addition of a concrete pad behind the establishment, all of which are viewable from public space. Per the website of the Old Georgetown Board and prior to work beginning, "Signs, outdoor seating areas, window, door, and storefront replacements, mechanical equipment... visible electrical wiring and lighting, and other exterior changes commonly associated with commercial renovations all require review by the OGB."

ANC 2E very much appreciates the improvement of outdoor seating for restaurants, including the outdoor space at 2934 M Street NW. However, the ANC does not believe that the existing renovation, which was not previously reviewed by the Old Georgetown Board, adheres to the

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design guidelines which prevail in the historic district. More specifically, the ANC believes that the light posts and tiled walls are incompatible with the historic fabric of the community. The ANC looks forward to reviewing an updated concept design and seeing it come to fruition.

**With regard to SMD 2E05 - OG 19-086 (HPA 19-191) 1044 Wisconsin Avenue, NW:**

ANC 2E supports the Old Georgetown Board application at 1044 Wisconsin Avenue NW, which is occupied by Sweetgreen. Sweetgreen customers often seek additional outside space to enjoy their food. There currently exists few spaces nearby for seating. The ANC believes that the design of the deck will serve the community well.

The only feedback that the ANC has is to encourage the use of a ramp instead of stairs for those customers who either cannot navigate the steps or are pushing strollers, noting that there does already exist a deck on the east side of the building that is accessible.

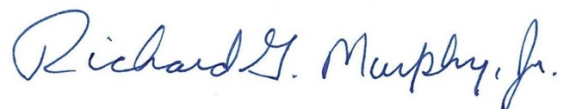
Furthermore, ANC 2E is pleased to see a thoughtful approach for storing trash containers. Currently the containers are neatly lined up along the private property but are nonetheless an eyesore. This location is highly visible within the commercial and residential district. The ANC believes that, in this specific location, putting the trash containers in an enclosure creates a more clean appearance and also helps to address issues related to rat infestations in the area.

Overall, ANC 2E believes that this concept design would be a significant improvement to what currently exists in this location. The ANC strongly encourages the Old Georgetown Board to approve the concept in an expedient manner.

**With regard to SMD 2E06 - OG 19-029 (HPA 19-073) 2801 M Street, NW:**

There is a stop work order in place for this property. ANC 2E appreciates that the applicant is in the process of receiving permits for removing previously-completed illegal construction. The illegal construction should be resolved before any new concept design work is approved. Moreover, the ANC does not support the application for some of the reasons stated by the Citizens Association of Georgetown, including that accessibility within the interior should be made inside to the less historic part of the building and that the fenestration modifications should be addressed in the less historic part of the building.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Murphy  
Chair, ANC 2E