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RE: ANC 6D Response to NOI# 24-253-TOA, New Commercial Loading Zones for DC Central Kitchen

To Whom It May Concern:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on October 15, 2024, with a quorum present, a quorum being five Commissioners, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D voted 5-1-1 to provide the following review and comments on NOI # 24-253-TOA.

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The NOI proposes two new commercial loading zones for DC Central Kitchen on 1st St and 2nd St. SW in Buzzard Point. ANC 6D **opposes** the proposed additional loading zone on 1st St. and **approves** the additional loading zone on 2nd St., and offers the following detailed comments.

1. The 1st location poses exceptional challenges. This small street is an extremely busy cul-de-sac: it must accommodate parking on both sides of the street narrowing traffic flow; the garage entrance for 88 V St.; constant pickup and dropoff by ride share and other vehicles for patrons of the recently opened Hen Quarter restaurant and soon to be open Brisa restaurant next door; and the main lobby entrance to the office and residences of 2121 1st St. As explained to DC Central Kitchen, the only way that a new loading area might be practicable would be to break through the building wall at the new curb cut location so that all truck

traffic would be required to enter a loading dock within the building, remaining off the street and unimpeding pedestrian traffic.

- ANC 6D opposes any additional loading zone on 1st St., eliminating parking spaces, creating additional congestion and interfering with pedestrian traffic.
 - After extended discussion with DC Central Kitchen including on-site review of the proposed locations on 1st and 2nd streets, we believe that DC Central Kitchen has agreed with our concerns about new loading areas on 1st St., and is no longer considering that location.
2. We understand that DC Central Kitchen receives deliveries on 2nd St. at least 3 times each day, generally between 7 and 9 am, midday, and between 3 and 4 pm, in addition to a flow throughout the day of food deliveries to residents. These deliveries have created queues, congestion and tie-ups on 2nd St. as delivery vehicles compete for space with loading and unloading for The Point restaurant and other activities associated with the residential units in the building above at 2121 2nd St.

Unlike 1st St., there is parking on only one side of 2nd St. on this block that also ends in a cul-de-sac. The proposed loading zone would eliminate three to four parking spaces from the existing loading dock to the corner of V St. but would ease congestion and queuing of the mix of vehicles, creating minimal inconvenience to residents. The hours of operations for the zones will be 7am – 6:30pm Monday to Saturday, with a 30-minute time limit.

- ANC 6D continues to support DC Central Kitchen's operations in Buzzard Point and its contribution to the community, and supports the proposed loading zone on 2nd St.SW, which balances the needs of DC Central Kitchen with concerns for the Buzzard Point residents. We would also ask for a traffic management plan, including provisions for enforcement should the new loading result in continuing congestion.
3. The NOI contains two errors that need correction. The proposed commercial loading zones would be on 2nd St. and 1st St.SW, not on 3rd St. SW or at 200 V St. SW, as indicated in several places in the NOI.

As by law, ANC 6D requests that DDOT apply great weight to our findings in its consideration of the two new loading zones proposed.

Sincerely,



Fredrica Kramer
Chair, ANC 6D