



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

November 20, 2014

The Honorable Muriel Bowser
Chairperson
Committee on Economic Development
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: PR 20-0819, the “Stevens School Surplus Declaration and Approval Resolution of 2014, and ”PR20-0820, the “Stevens School Disposition Approval Resolution of 2014.”

Dear Councilmember Bowser,

At its regular meeting on November 19, 2014, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted (7-0-0) to approve the following resolution:

ANC 2A reiterates its support for the above-referenced pieces of legislation, which reflect the culmination of a years-long, community-driven effort to rehabilitate for educational use the historic Stevens School property.

It is the Commission’s belief that the substantive concerns that have been raised, namely relating to the term of Ivymount’s lease in the school building and issues related to property valuation, have been satisfactorily addressed.

Furthermore, the ANC feels that it is unfair to residents of the Foggy Bottom and West End communities that their longstanding investment in this process be jeopardized by third-party machinations related to the proposed soccer stadium at Buzzard Point and the proposed land swap involving the Reeves Center.

The Commission believes that it is in the interests of the District of Columbia government to move forward with redevelopment efforts at this highly-valuable parcel before the conclusion of Council Period 20.

Commissioners Florence Harmon (florencedc@comcast.net) and Patrick Kennedy (Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.



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ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

cc: The Honorable Jack Evans, Councilmember for Ward 2, Council of the District of Columbia
cc: Anna Shapiro, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
cc: Rob Hawkins, Legislative Director, Office of Councilmember Muriel Bowser