



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown and Hillandale

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Ms. Marnique Heath
Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
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RE: Historic Landmark Designation Application for the West Heating Plant at 1051-1055 29th Street NW (HPRB #17-2)

Dear Chair Heath,

On October 30, 2017 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-1-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:


In April of 2015, the Historic Preservation Review Board denied proposed landmark designation of the West Heating Plant on its merits and did not request that the nomination be forwarded to the National Register of Historic Places. Since that time, no new relevant evidence has been presented. Furthermore, as former Historic Preservation Review Board member Maria Casarella noted in her comments after the 2015 presentation for landmark status, "what we have here is a case for memorializing an ecological disaster." The community overwhelmingly agrees with this assessment and does not believe that the building should be landmarked.

The community also supports the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts' 2017 unanimous decision that the essence of the building can be preserved through a less literal and more bold design, as we see here today. ANC 2E respectfully requests that the Historic Preservation Review Board confirm its prior decision to not designate individual landmark status on our West Heating Plant.

COMMISSIONERS:

Ed Solomon, District 1 Joe Gibbons, District 2 Rick Murphy, District 3
Mara Goldman, District 4 Lisa Palmer, District 5 Jim Wilcox, District 6
Monica Roaché, District 7 Zac Schroepfer, District 8

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gibbons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E