



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. J. Peter Byrne  
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### RE: Proposed Demolition of the West Heating Plant (HPA #17-635)

Dear Mr. Byrne,

On July 2, 2018 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by five commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (4-1-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

Acting in accordance with the resolutions adopted by ANC 2E on April 3, 2017 and September 6, 2017, ANC 2E strongly supports the Adjaye / Olin scheme for the redevelopment of the West Heating Plant as a project that is consistent with the Georgetown neighborhood, acknowledges the history of the building and the site, and provides the community with benefits that have long been sought. It is worth noting that beyond ANC 2E's reported and submitted resolutions, the project as proposed also continues to enjoy significant support from residents across ANC 2E, and particularly within the ANC 2E05 single member district, where the currently-vacant building and unkept space is located. Residents frequently report their strong hope that this corner, a gateway to Georgetown, will be significantly and positively transformed into the proposed scheme. Furthermore, ANC 2E greatly appreciates the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts' unanimous 7-0 vote in favor of the Adjaye / Olin scheme and their acknowledgement of ANC 2E and the Georgetown community's support for the project.

Finally, in light of the proposed public park, the bridge linking Rock Creek Park and the C&O Canal Park with the Georgetown waterfront, and the transformation of this long-abandoned, walled off site into the Georgetown community as a relatively low-impact residential condominium, we strongly encourage the Mayor's Agent for Historic Preservation to find this a project of "special merit," thus allowing for the degree of

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demolition necessary to realize this project, which, as previously noted, has the strong support of the Georgetown community.

Commissioners Lisa Palmer ([2E05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2E05@anc.dc.gov)) and Joe Gibbons ([2E02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2E02@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe R. Gibbons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons  
Chair, ANC 2E