



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

January 14, 2016

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Chairperson, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20024
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RE: Resolution in Support of the Embassy of Colombia's Request to Use Public Space to Erect a Flag Pole and Fly its National Flag (Permit Tracking Number 121464)

Dear Chairperson Marcou:

At its regular meeting on January 13, 2016, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0):

Whereas, the Embassy of Colombia has recently moved to 1724 Massachusetts Avenue, purchasing a large building previously owned by the Legacy Foundation,

Whereas, in response to a recent invitation by President Obama requesting a visit to Washington by Colombia's President, President Juan Manuel Santos will visit Washington the first week of February 2016,

Whereas, President Santos' visit to President Obama in Washington also provides an excellent opportunity to formally inaugurate the new embassy,

Whereas, a flag pole with the flag of its nation would be a standard part of any country's embassy,

Whereas, the government of Colombia has filed a public space permit (Permit Tracking Number 1121464) to allow the erection a flag pole in the public space between the sidewalk and the building,

Whereas, similar flag poles already adorn embassies on the 1700 block of Massachusetts Avenue, and

Whereas, the State Department supports the efforts of the Public Space Committee of the District of Columbia to facilitate expediting the review of this permit request in light of the short notice of the President's visit.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B supports this public space request and hopes that the Public Space Committee of the District of Columbia can accommodate the Embassy's desire to prepare for the arrival of President Santos by erecting the flag pole as fast as possible.

Commissioners Abigail Nichols (abigail.nichols@dupontcircleanc.net) and Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Nicole Mann
Chairman