

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

August 16, 2019

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Councilmember Brandon Todd Councilmember, Ward 4 Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 106 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 105 Washington, DC 20004 btodd@dccouncil.us

RE: Honorary Renaming of the 1700 Block of S Street NW to Kappa Alpha Psi Way

Dear Councilmember Evans and Councilmember Todd:

At its regular meeting on August 14, 2019, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was chartered on October 15th, 1924,

WHEREAS, the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Alumni Chapter is located at 1708 S Street NW within Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B and the Dupont Circle Historic District.

WHEREAS, the Historic Kappa House received the designation of a National Historic Landmark in 1985 by the U.S. Department of Interior, is a visiting station along the neighborhood tourism trail, and has been memorialized as the hub for the gathering of black social life during segregation,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is proud to be the home of several historically African American fraternities and sororities,

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Inc. is celebrating its 95th anniversary as an organization,

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter, through its Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund, awarded approximately \$3 million in college scholarships to seven hundred graduating high school seniors since 1984, enabling these students to pursue their dreams of higher education, and

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC Alumni Chapter has always been intimately involved in the improvement of its community and the residents therein with its myriad of community service programs and activities, support of the DC Voter Participation Drive, annual school supplies drives, and annual community holiday drives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the renaming of S Street from New Hampshire Avenue to 17th Street NW to "Kappa Alpha Psi Way NW."

Commissioners Lucky Barbieri (<u>2B03@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Daniel Warwick (<u>2B02@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Warwick

Chair