

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

September 24, 2020

Marnique Heath, Chair Historic Preservation Review Board Office of Planning 1100 4th Street SW, Suite E650 Washington, DC 20024 historic.preservation@dc.gov

RE: 1808 S Street NW (HPRB #20-463)

Dear Chair Heath:

At its regular meeting on September 9, 2020, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-1-0):

WHEREAS, the applicant for HPRB #20-463 proposes to convert an existing rowhouse into a four unit building including a penthouse,

WHEREAS, the applicant has worked with the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) and it was identified that the penthouse may be visible from a certain portion of 18th Street NW at a distance from the property, though not visible from across S Street NW from the site,

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2B reviewed the August 2020 plans as submitted to the Office of Planning (OP) and received a presentation of the project in September of 2020,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B reviewed photographs of a flag test conducted to estimate visibility of the penthouse as provided by the applicant,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B, after reviewing the plans submitted by the applicant to OP, is unaware of other factors outside of the penthouse that may impact this case before the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB),

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that the proposed penthouse will have no visibility from directly across the street and very minimal visibility from other areas caused by the sight lines created by the Shell station at 18th Street and Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the addition, which is barely visible from a distance on 18th Street NW, is de minimus and keeping with the character of the neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B requests that the applicant and HPRB respond to the concerns of the Dupont Circle Conservancy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the project as proposed in the applicant's August 2020 submission.

Commissioners Matthew Sampson (<u>2B01@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