

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

November 12, 2009

Linda Argo, Director Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs 941 North Capitol Street NE Washington, DC 20002

RE: Construction of an elevator at the rear of 1910 S Street NW, to comply with ADA requirements to allow disabled resident to live and recover in his own home

Dear Director Argo:

At its regular meeting on November 11, 2009, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (7-0):

WHEREAS, Gil Hill, an active and highly respected member of our community suffered a terrible fall several months ago and was hospitalized, and

WHEREAS, his injuries were so severe that a portion of his skull had to be removed to relieve the swelling and save his life, and

WHEREAS, the insurance covering his hospitalization is about to run out and his wife, Carol Galaty seeks to care for him at their home, and

WHEREAS, Gil is clearly unable to safely walk steps, and the bathroom facilities in their home at 1910 S Street NW are on the second floor, and

WHEREAS, Carol Galaty is seeking approval, under the Americans with Disabilities Act to install an elevator at the rear of the property, and

WHEREAS, this request has been approved by the L'Enfant Trust, the Dupont Conservancy, the Office of Historic Preservation and was approved by several departments within DCRA, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B joins in urging approval of the elevator, to allow Mr Hill to recuperate in the safety and comfort of his own home and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B commends those agencies, organizations, and civil servants who have responded to Ms Galaty's requests in record time, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the DCRA Office of Reasonable Accommodation to follow the lead of other agencies and complete its approval as quickly as humanly possible to assist Mr Hill and Ms Galaty in what is indeed a matter of life and death.

I am the Commission's representative in this matter. You can reach me at mike.silverstein@dupontcircleanc.net or by telephone at 202-833-4440 for further information.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Mike Silverstein

Chairman