

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

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Re: Dupont Down Under

Dear Mr. Albert:

At its December 2009 public meeting, ANC 2B heard a presentation by your office regarding the potential redevelopment of Dupont "Down Under." We appreciate the attention that your office is giving to this long-vacant site. However, we are concerned that the process for redevelopment include sufficient community input. With 8 of 9 commissioners in attendance, the commission unanimously passed the following resolution 8-0:

Resolved that the Dupont Circle ANC 2B requests that the Office of Planning & Economic Development follow a regular community input and RFP process for the development of "Dupont Down Under;"

Be it further resolved, that the Commission requests a formal response from the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development for our inquiry as to why it is necessary to conduct an accelerated process for developing this space, which will limit the opportunity for proper planning and community input;

Be it further resolved, that ANC2B requests to be formally involved in the RFP review process and we request to have a seat and be included on any city review panel for Dupont Down Under.

We also invited Mr. Goradia to appear again at our January 13th public meeting to further discuss the potential plans and criteria for the redevelopment of Dupont Down Under. We

also agreed to arrange a tour of the space, in order to help us understand what is possible. We look forward to seeing Mr. Goradia again and viewing the space.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Mike Silverstein

Chairman

cc: Neil Goradia Andrew Huff, EOM

Jack Evans, Ward 2 Council Member