



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

February 18, 2010

Carol B. Goldman, President
L'Enfant Trust
1526 New Hampshire Avenue
Washington, DC 20036

RE: Request for letter of recommendation for L'Enfant Trust for Historic Preservation, which is competing for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2010 Trustees' Award for Organizational Excellence.

Dear Ms. Goldman:

At its regular meeting on February 17, 2010, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (6-0-1):

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF L'ENFANT TRUST FOR THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION 2010 TRUSTEES' AWARD FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE:

WHEREAS, THE L'ENFANT TRUST HELPED PIONEER THE USE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, AND CURRENTLY MAINTAINS A PORTFOLIO OF MORE THAN 1,100 SUCH EASEMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY, PRESERVING THE BEAUTY OF OUR HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS, AND

WHEREAS, THE L'ENFANT TRUST HAS WORKED ASSIDUOUSLY, EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY TO THE VALUE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION. THEY HAVE PUBLISHED VARIOUS DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING SELF-DIRECTED WALKING GUIDES OF OUR HISTORIC DUPONT CIRCLE NEIGHBORHOOD. L'ENFANT TRUST PRESIDENT CAROL B. GOLDMAN HAS WORKED WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ACADEMICS, AND HAS SPOKEN BEFORE THE DUPONT CIRCLE ANC ABOUT THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROCESS, AND

WHEREAS, IN 2006, WHEN PRESERVATION TRUST ANNOUNCED PLANS TO CEASE OPERATIONS, L'ENFANT TRUST SHOWED LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT. WORKING WITH DC OFFICIALS AND THE NATIONAL

TRUST, L'ENFANT TRUST AGREED TO ACCEPT PRESERVATION TRUST'S PORTFOLIO OF EASEMENTS ON ABOUT 100 BUILDINGS, ASSUMING ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE EASEMENTS AT CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EXPENSE, AND

WHEREAS, WHEN TAX ABUSE BY OTHERS THREATENED TO END THE TAX SUBSIDY THAT HELPS FUND CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAMS, THE TRUST WORKED CLOSELY WITH LOCAL AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS AND PRESERVATION GROUPS TO PRESERVE THE TAX DEDUCTION, AND

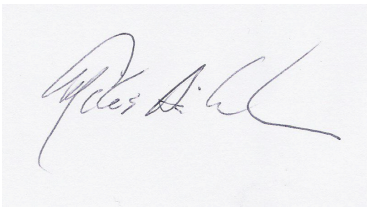
WHEREAS, THE L'ENFANT TRUST IS WORKING WITH THE "GREEN MOVEMENT," LEARNING MORE ABOUT SOLAR PANELS, GREEN ROOFS, AND ECO-FRIENDLY BUILDING MATERIALS,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT DUPONT CIRCLE ANC ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTS THE NOMINATION OF THE L'ENFANT TRUST FOR THE TRUSTEE'S AWARD FOR 2010 OF THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE.

I am the 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Silverstein", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Mike Silverstein
Chairman

About Dupont Circle ANC: The Dupont Circle ANC is an elected government body representing approximately 20,000 residents of the District of Columbia in the Dupont Circle neighborhood. This area includes five historic districts. Boundaries of the Dupont Circle ANC stretch as far north as U Street, as far south as Pennsylvania Avenue, as far east as 14th Street, and as far west as Rock Creek Park.