



## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

January 13, 2011

Meredith Moldenhauer, Chair  
Board of Zoning Adjustment  
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Washington, DC 20001  
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Re: Application by 1720 16th St., NW to permit a chancery use of the property by the Republic of Congo. (2B04)

Dear Chairman Moldenhauer:

At its regular meeting on January 12, 2011, 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 voted 8-0 to support the following motion:

*Whereas, ANC 2B received BZA Application No. 18162, providing notice that the Embassy of the Republic of Congo has applied to allow the location of a chancery at 1720 16th St., NW (Square 178, Lot 800); and*

*Whereas, the proposed architectural site plan includes a driveway that would require two (2) curb cuts and which could endanger at least two (2) mature trees and a Metrobus stop on public space and two (2) mature trees on the property lot.*

*Therefore, be it resolved, that ANC 2B opposes designating the property as a chancery; in light of the past upkeep of the Embassy's Chancery at 16th and Colorado.*

*Be it further resolved, that ANC 2B opposes the proposed driveway due to the two (2) required curb cuts, one (1) each on 16th Street and on Riggs Place, due to their negative impact on pedestrian and bicycle safety, as well as the curb cuts' potential harm to existing tree canopy both in public space and on the property lot. We share DCC's concerns regarding the integrity of the rear garden wall.*

*A copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Embassy of the Republic of Congo, the DC Board of Zoning and Adjustment, District Department of Transportation, FMBZA and State Department.*

Commissioner Jack Jacobson is the Commission's representative on this matter. You can reach him at [jack.jacobson@dupontcircleanc.net](mailto:jack.jacobson@dupontcircleanc.net).

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Will Stephens, Chair

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