



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

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Ambassador Mombouli
Embassy: The Republic of Congo
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Washington, DC 20011
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Dear Ambassador Mombouli:

It is with great regret that neighbors of the Republic's new property at 16th Street and Riggs Place, NW, have witnessed the removal of all mature trees and all greenspace in the east front yard and south side yard of the Toutorsky Mansion. This removal was conducted in violation of the Embassy's agreement with the District's Foreign Missions Board of Zoning and Adjustment and counter to your own testimony before the FMBZA.

This commission, on behalf of the neighborhood, greatly appreciates the completion of necessary repointing of brickwork on the property. However, the removal of mature trees and cementing of the entire east and south yards has caused anxiety among neighbors and has spawned a feeling of mistrust and betrayal throughout the neighborhood among opinion leaders and residents.

We formally request that the cement be removed from the east front and south side yard of the Toutorsky Mansion and trees and grass be replanted, in accordance with the agreement the Embassy has with the FMBZA.

We look forward to working more cooperatively with the Embassy as these revisions are undertaken as soon as possible. We also hope to forge a more permanent and cooperative relationship with the Embassy to avoid any future conflicts of this nature.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Will Stephens, Chair