

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

February 20, 2012

The Honorable Vincent Gray, Mayor District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Suite 316 Washington, DC 20004 eom@dc.gov

Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington DC, 20004

Re: Resolution in support of the nomination of Rauzia Ruhanna Ally to the HPRB

Dear Mayor Gray and Council:

At its regular meeting on February 8, 2012, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of the nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0).

Be it resolved, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission strongly supports Rauzia Ruhanna Ally membership on the Historic Preservation Review Board. She would bring to the Board the skills, background, interests, and dedication so necessary for such a key position. Ms. Ally is:

- A trained architect, a teacher, and a business owner;
- A quick study with a unique ability to immediately grasp the essentials of projects being reviewed by the Dupont Circle Conservancy, with a focus on what's important architecturally;
- Outstanding at conducting meetings and keeps them on track, especially when there are non-Conservancy members present who sometimes tend to have their own agendas separate and apart from the design of a project. This should put her in good stead as an HPRB member;
- Extremely well-grounded in the city's building and zoning codes;
- A member of the American Institute of Architects, with professional standing among her peers;
- Fully understanding and supportive of Dupont Circle historic preservation priorities; and
- An invaluable member of our community.

Mike Feldstein (mike.feldstein@dupontcircleanc.net) and I, Will Stephens(will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net), are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Thank you for considering Ms. Ally.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Will Stephens, Chair

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