



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

April 15, 2010

Bruce Yarnall
Historic Preservation Office
Reeves Center
2000 14th St., NW
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Resolution on support of Rick Busch for Mayor's Historic Preservation Award

Dear Mr. Yarnall:

At its regular meeting on April 14, 2010, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With all nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (9-0).

WHEREAS, Richard Busch served with great skill, integrity, and dedication for three years as President of the Dupont Circle Conservancy, completing his tenure in December, 2009, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Busch worked closely with Dupont Circle ANC 2B on a regular basis on a wide range of historic preservation issues, including review and comment on dozens of different proposed projects in the Dupont Circle Historic District and portions of the U Street and Strivers historic districts in the ANC2B boundaries, serving as a trusted partner in preserving the historic fabric of the community, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Busch's diligent efforts and unquestioned integrity helped establish a spirit of working together and mutual trust between the Conservancy and ANC 2B, and has served as a mentor to ANC Commissioners seeking to learn more about preservation issues, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Busch personally intervened in a successful effort to save one of the community's important historic homes, at 1841 16th Street NW, from demolition by neglect and/or razing due to public safety concerns. He called together key city department heads and administrators to discuss alternatives to razing, and organized a highly successful community rally to protest demolition. Even more important, Mr Busch carefully monitored and helped in the follow-up to ensure that city and developer plans to save and restore the building actually came to fruition, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Busch personally intervened to stop potential demolition by neglect of the important historic home at 1800 New Hampshire Avenue NW, owned by the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Congo. He contacted the Embassy, U. S. State Department officials and DC government officials about the problem and provided Conservancy commendation on subsequent renovation, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Busch has represented the Conservancy frequently on historic preservation issues before the city council and council committees and review boards. He has developed

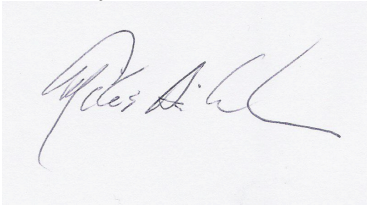
working relationships, and enjoys widespread personal respect, with organizations throughout the community and the city even when other groups had differing positions on historic preservation various issues,

THEREFORE, Dupont Circle ANC 2B is pleased to cosponsor the nomination of Richard Busch for the 2010 DC Historic Preservation Office/Office of Planning Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation Advocacy and Community Involvement.

I am 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 centered on a light gray rectangular background.

Mike Silverstein
Chairman