



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

December 12, 2025

Marnique Heath, Chair
Historic Preservation Review Board
Office of Planning 1100 4th Street SW, Suite E650
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RE: 1513 16th Street NW Rear and Roof Addition Concept, HPA 26-78

Dear Chairperson Heath,

At its regular meeting on December 10, 2025, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS

- 1513 16th Street NW, the “Robert Simpson Woodward House”, is a former single-family home built in 1895.
- The property is currently used commercially as the Capital Research Center headquarters.
- The applicant seeks to return the building to residential use.
- The applicant proposes to extend and remodel the building to:
 1. construct eight condominiums on the four above-ground floors
 2. add a basement with one condominium and shared storage space for residents
 3. add a penthouse and roof deck for the rear, fourth-floor residence
 4. remove a “dogleg” to allow for elevator and staircase access to the residences
- Based on a “flag test” a trivial portion of the penthouse will be visible from 16th Street.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports Historic Review Application HPA 26-78.

The ANC requests the installation of all exterior lighting that follows dark sky principles.

LIGHT POLLUTION

Light pollution is the human-made alteration of outdoor light levels from those occurring naturally. Dark Sky-compatible lighting reduces the effects of light pollution.

Principles of Dark Sky Lighting:

- All light should have a clear purpose
- Light should be directed only to where it's needed
- Light should be no brighter than necessary
- Light should be dimmed down or turned off when not required

Commissioner Sprowls (2B04@anc.dc.gov) and Commissioner Adams (2B08@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Zachary Adams
Chair