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TO: District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment

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BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT
District of Columbia

CASE NO. 18691

EXHIBIT NO. 32

DATE: December 31, 2013

SUBJECT: FMBZA 18691 – 1824-1826 R Street, NW – Chancery of the Republic of Georgia

APPLICATION

Application of the Chancery of the Republic of Georgia, pursuant to 11 DCMR §1001, §1002 1, and 22 USC §4306, for review and approval of a proposed chancery use in the DC/R-5-B District at premises 1824 and 1826 R Street, NW (Square 134, Lot 167)

ANALYSIS

The proposed chancery provides six off-street parking spaces and is located less than one-quarter mile from the Dupont Circle Metro Station north entrance. Low daily visitor traffic is anticipated, since visa and passport transactions will not be processed at this location. Vehicle parking demand may increase slightly as a result of the project inducing a higher level of parking utilization in the immediate area. Should the parking utilization need to be addressed, DDOT may employ policy tools to mitigate the impact. Despite this minor potential impact, DDOT has no objection to the approval of the change in use.

RECOMMENDATION

DDOT has reviewed the Applicant's request and determined that, based on the information provided, this proposed project will have no adverse impacts on the travel conditions of the District's transportation network. The proposed project may lead to a minor increase in vehicular, transit, pedestrian, and bicycle trips. However, DDOT does not foresee additional impacts to the network. Thus, DDOT has no objection to approval of the requested change in use.

The FMBZA application cites a request for two additional diplomatic zone spaces and a proposed flag pole in public space. These two requests require the Applicant to pursue permits through DDOT. This review pertains only to zoning issues. DDOT's lack of objection to the zoning request should not be viewed as an approval of public space elements, nor approval of diplomatic zone parking spaces. The Applicant may refer to the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations and DDOT's Design and Engineering Manual for specific controls of public space and diplomatic zone parking. A summary of public space regulations can be found in DDOT's Public Realm Design Manual.

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