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Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment Application No. 17020
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Good morning members of Board. My name is Josefina Carvalho, and I am the Deputy Chief of Mission for the Embassy of Portugal. I am pleased to present to you today our proposed 500 square foot expansion and other exterior changes to our new chancery location at 2012 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

The Embassy intends to move the chancery and consular functions from two existing facilities to this new location. The Embassy's facilities are currently located on Kalorama Road and Tracy Place. The Kalorama facility will continue to be used as the Ambassador's residence, and the Tracy Place facility will be converted to residential use for Embassy staff. Approximately forty employees will be relocated from these two facilities to the new chancery on Massachusetts Avenue.

The Embassy is pleased to have support for this application from the Department of State, the Office of Planning, the DC Historic Preservation Office, the District Department of Transportation, and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

Portugal and the United States have enjoyed a longstanding, positive relationship. The United States Embassy, which is currently undergoing renovations, enjoys a prominent location in Lisbon. We look forward to your approval so that we can complete the renovations to our new location on Massachusetts Avenue.

Thank you. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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