



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

February 21, 2020

Mr. Frederick Hill
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: 1601 Massachusetts Avenue NW (BZA #19557A)

Dear Chairperson Hill,

At its regular meeting on February 12, 2020, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 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, the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia is requesting a modification of consequence to the plans approved by BZA Order No. 19557 to refine several components of the architectural elements and open spaces of the Australian Embassy building at 1601 Massachusetts Avenue NW,

WHEREAS, the renovation as proposed is within the confines of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B,

WHEREAS, the primary proposed modifications include:

- Refinements to the building façade materials,
- Increased height to one of the public art “zones” on 16th Street NW and new detailed information regarding the proposed sculpture for that zone,
- The addition of exterior signage adjacent to the main entrance stating “Embassy of Australia”,
- The removal of one of the proposed street trees on Massachusetts Avenue NW due to conflicts with utilities as recommended by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the proposed modifications are within the criteria of a modification of consequence and believes that the proposed modifications are an improvement to the built environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the application for a modification of consequence to the plans approved by BZA Order No. 19557 to refine several components of the architectural elements and open spaces of the Australian Embassy building at 1601 Massachusetts Avenue NW.

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Daniel Warwick
Chair