

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT**



**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**

**TIME AND PLACE:** Wednesday, February 26, 2025, @ 9:30 a.m.

**Via WebEx:** <https://dcoz.dc.gov/BZA02-26-2025>

**Via Telephone:** 202-860-2110 Access code: 2315 202 7176

**Via YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/DCOfficeofZoning>

**Instructions:** <https://dcoz.dc.gov/release/virtual-public-hearings>

**Witness Sign Up:** <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify>

**TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION THAT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE OFFICE OF ZONING AND SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Application No. 21252 of Embassy of the Republic of Cuba**

**Address:** 2630 16<sup>th</sup> Street N.W. (Square 2575, Lot 843)

**ANC:** 1A & 1C

**Relief:** Foreign Missions under:

- The matter-of-right uses of Subtitle U § 401 (pursuant to Subtitle X § 201 and the Foreign Missions Act)

**Project:** To construct a retaining wall, fence, and screening, to an existing, detached, chancery building in the RA-2 and RA-4 Zones.

This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the case provisions of Subtitle Y, Chapter 4.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The hearing date shown above may be RESCHEDULED prior to this date, in which case the new hearing date will be posted on the online calendar for the Board of Zoning Adjustment (“**Board**” or “**BZA**”), on the website of the Office of Zoning (“**OZ**”) at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/BZACalendar>, as well as on the case record webpage available on the Interactive Zoning Information System (“**IZIS**”) on the OZ website <https://dcoz.dc.gov/CaseRecord> (additional instructions below). **Please check these webpages to confirm the final hearing date and time** as there will be no other notice of these changes provided. One day before the hearing, the order of cases, agenda, and any other scheduling changes will be posted to the Board’s online calendar on OZ’s website.

Those who wish to testify at the public hearing **must** be present when their case is called. The order of cases may change at the Board’s discretion. Participants are encouraged to visit <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/watch-live-virtual-zcbza-hearingsmeetings> to watch the live broadcast

of the hearing starting at 9:30 a.m. to hear the order of cases and may listen periodically to monitor the cases the Board is hearing at any point.

## **HOW TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE CASE**

### **Online Case Record**

- To access the online case record, visit IZIS on the OZ website, available at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/CaseRecord>
- To select a case to view, enter the Application number indicated at the top of this notice and click the “Search” button, then click the corresponding “View” icon on the right.
- To view the full list of documents in the case record, click “View Full Log” under “Case Documents” on the lower right.
- To view a specific exhibit, click the corresponding “View” button on the right and it will open a PDF document in a separate window.

### **How to participate as a witness – oral presentation**

Interested persons or representatives of organizations may be heard at the virtual public hearing. All individuals, organizations, or associations wishing to testify in this case are **strongly encouraged to sign up to testify at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** on OZ’s website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/> or by calling Robert Reid at (202) 727-5471. If you forget to sign up 24 hours prior to the hearing, please call the **OZ Hotline at (202) 727-5471** to sign up to testify and to receive WebEx access or call-in instructions. Please visit <https://dcoz.dc.gov/release/virtual-public-hearings> or call the Office of Zoning for more information about participating in virtual public hearings.

### **How to participate as a witness - written statements**

Written statements, in lieu of personal appearances or oral presentation, may be submitted for inclusion in the record, provided that **ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS AND/OR TESTIMONY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE RECORD AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE START OF THE HEARING.** The public is encouraged to submit written testimony through IZIS at <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Login.aspx>; however, written statements may also be submitted by e-mail to [bzasubmissions@dc.gov](mailto:bzasubmissions@dc.gov). Please include the case number on your submission. If you are unable to use either of these means of submission, please contact Robert Reid at (202) 727-5471 for further assistance.

### **Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”)**

The property for which zoning relief is requested is within or adjacent to the boundaries of ANC 1A and 1C, which are therefore both considered an “affected” ANC and automatically are parties in this case. Please contact your ANC commissioner to learn how to participate in your ANC’s deliberation process and to find out if or when the Applicant is scheduled to appear before the ANC. To find contact information for your ANC, visit <http://anc.dc.gov>.

The Board must give “great weight” to the “issues and concerns” raised in a written report of an “affected” ANC approved at a properly noticed meeting that was open to the public by the full ANC with a quorum present. The Board may give “great weight” to the oral testimony of the

“affected” ANC’s authorized representative if it complies with the requirements of Y §§ 406.3 & 406.4.

Section 13(d) of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975, effective March 26, 1976 (D.C. Law 1-21; D.C. Official Code § 1-309.10(d) (2012 Repl.)) and Subtitle Y §§ 406.2 & 406.4.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ZONING AT (202) 727-6311 and refer to the five-digit application number listed at the top of the notice.**

**FREDERICK L. HILL, LORNA L. JOHN, CARL H. BLAKE, AND CHRISHAUN S. SMITH ----- BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BY SARA A. BARDIN, DIRECTOR, AND BY KEARA M. MEHLERT, SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT.**

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