STATEMENT OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

The District of Columbia Public Library (the "**Applicant**") is committed to working with the surrounding community, ANC 6B, its neighbors, the Historic Preservation Review Board ("**HPRB**") and other District agencies regarding the project (the "**Project**") and the required BZA relief.

The Applicant has had significant outreach with the community and ANC 6B. The Applicant has held four (4) community meetings – July 23, 2020; December 16, 2020; May 5, 2021; and July 21, 2021. The Applicant also met with the Capitol Hill Restoration Society on December 4, 2020 and April 29, 2021. At these meetings, the Applicant solicited feedback from the community and has revised the design according to that input. Additionally, the Applicant has been coordinating with the ANC and will be presenting at their upcoming October meetings. The Applicant will continue to work to communicate with neighbors and keep area residents informed about the Project. The Applicant is committed to continuing this outreach in advance of the Board's public hearing and throughout the Project's design and construction.

The Applicant has also been engaged with several District agencies, including HPRB, the Commission of Fine Arts, the National Capital Planning Commission, the Office of Planning, and the District Department of Transportation regarding the Project. In all, the Applicant has had ten meetings with these agencies over the past year. The Applicant is committed to continuing to work with these agencies on the Project moving forward as well.

/s/ Meghan Hottel-Cox

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