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RE: Kennedy Center Expansion Project - Environmental Assessment

At its regular meeting on October 15, 2014, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With six of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (4-0-0), with two commissioners recusing themselves from voting:

WHEREAS the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts ("Kennedy Center") desires to undertake a \$120 million expansion to create additional performance, event, office, and classroom space on its campus at 2700 F Street, N.W.;

WHEREAS the Kennedy Center campus lies wholly within the boundaries of ANC 2A, representing the residential interests of affected neighbors in Foggy Bottom;

WHEREAS the National Capital Planning Commission ("NCPC") and the National Park Service ("NPS") have prepared a draft Environmental Assessment ("EA") to examine the impacts of the proposed expansion, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA");

WHEREAS NCPC and NPS have released the EA for public review and comment, during the period October 9, 2014 to November 10, 2014;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A submits the following comments on the draft EA:

Comments: 1. Further clarification on the impacts of construction activities on the surrounding community is needed. Specifically, the Commission desires that the Kennedy Center ensure that work will not take place prior to 7 a.m. on weekdays, that no work is done on Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, and that the Kennedy Center provide parking for construction vehicles within its campus so that construction vehicles do not park

or idle in the residential neighborhood surrounding the Kennedy Center.

2. Further clarification is also needed on the impact that the completed expansion would have on traffic in the vicinity. A separate Traffic Demand Management ("TDM") study should be conducted in order to predict, and control for, any effects of increased congestion on surrounding streets.

3. The Commission is concerned about the limited information provided on the "floating platform" alternative contemplated as performance space on the Potomac River, and desires to learn more about its design, engineering, and planned uses, and about its impact to the Potomac River. The Commission may express additional views on the "floating platform" after reviewing the Army Corps of Engineers' determination with respect to this component.

4. The surrounding community would like assurances through the EA process that any increase in the number of private automobiles, tour buses, and school buses at the site as a result of this expansion be accommodated in the form of off-street, on-site parking rather than through the utilization of on-street parking in the surrounding neighborhood.

Commissioners Armando Irizarry (armandoanc@gmail.com), and Patrick Kennedy (Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov) are the commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely, Patrick Kennedy Chairperson

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