



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

"Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C."

April 21, 2016

Richard Reyes-Gavilan
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Dear Mr. Reyes-Gavilan,

At its regular meeting on April 20, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Public Library opened the West End Interim Library at 2522 Virginia Ave NW, Washington, DC 20037 in June of 2014, after the West End Library, at the intersection of 24th Street and L Street NW, was closed to allow for construction of a new library at that site,

WHEREAS, the ANC has found that the West End Interim Library, which is located some distance from the former West End Library, serves a different population and community from that of the former library,

WHEREAS, the West End Interim Library occupies a long-vacant storefront in the Watergate retail complex, spurring the opening of additional retail options in the complex, which has in recent years suffered from the closure of several prominent businesses,

WHEREAS, the West End Interim Library has provided valuable library access to many elderly and disabled residents in the Watergate and southern Foggy Bottom areas who were unable to reach the former library location,

WHEREAS, the West End Interim Library provides valuable meeting space and programming for its neighbors, including community organizations and families with young children, and

WHEREAS, the West End Interim Library is slated for closure when the new West End Library opens in 2017 and such a closure will mean the loss of a genuine and distinct community asset.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that the District of Columbia Public Library facilitate the continuation of library operations at the



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West End Interim Library as a library annex when the new West End Library opens in 2017.

Commissioners William Kennedy Smith (2A04@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter. We thank you for your consideration.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Councilmember David Grosso, At-Large
Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2
Archie Williams, Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, DC Public Library
Bill Turner, Librarian, West End Interim Library
Commissioner William K. Smith, MD, ANC SMD 2A04