



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

October 26, 2016

Ms. Gretchen Pfaehler
Chair, Historic Preservation Review Board
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**RE: Historic Landmarking Application for the Old Naval Observatory at
2300 E Street NW and 2301 Constitution Avenue NW (HPRB #11-21)**

Dear Chair Pfaehler,

At its regular meeting on October 20, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With five of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**4-0-1**), after a motion made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer, to support the historic landmarking application for the Old Naval Observatory at 2300 E Street NW and 2301 Constitution Avenue NW based on the unique and integrated historical significance of the site, its component buildings, and the surrounding land.

The ANC wishes to take this opportunity to thank the DC Preservation League and others for their work on cataloguing the historic elements of the area and to stress the importance to the neighborhood, city, and nation of preserving this unique site that has served as the epicenter of so many crucially important developments in the scientific and political history of the United States and the world.

A copy of the Department of the Navy, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery publication "A Hilltop in Foggy Bottom", which details a portion of the site's history, is attached.

Commissioners William Kennedy Smith (2A04@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson



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