

## **Resolution Joining ANC 3/4G's Comments to the**

## **Proposed Amendments to the Historic Preservation Regulations**

### **WHEREAS:**

The Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) has published Proposed Amendments to the Historic Preservation Regulations (Title 10A, Chapter 2). On September 30, 2009, in response to HPRB's request for public comments, ANC 3/4G sent a letter to Tersh Boasberg, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Review Board. That letter was approved unanimously by ANC 3/4G to constitute, together with the enclosed red-lined version of HPRB's proposed amendments, 3/4G's response to and comments on the "Revised Procedures for Historic Landmark and Historic District Designation," as published for comment in the August 14, 2009 D.C. Register.

### **RESOLVED:**

ANC 3E endorses the comments made by ANC3/4G that are documented in 3/4G's red-lined version of HPRB's Revised Procedures for Historic Landmark and Historic District Designation, a copy of which is attached to this resolution. In addition, ANC 3E echoes the sentiment expressed in ANC 3/4G's letter to Chairman Boasberg, a copy of which is also attached. In essence, what ANC3/4G has suggested through its modifications is a mechanism for gauging community sentiment regarding the proposed designation of an historic district.

ANC 3E joins ANC 3/4G in its recommendation that the regulations include a process for determining public support of an historic district and that HPRB approve an historic district only if there is majority support for such designation. In addition, ANC 3E agrees with the proposal made by 3/4G to include a provision that would allow for the designation of an historic district even in the absence of majority support

if special circumstances warrant such action; such designation, however, could be made only with the approval of the D.C. City Council.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 8, 2009, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 5-0. Commissioners Jon Bender, Mathew Frumin, Sam Serebin, Beverly Sklover and Lucy Eldridge were present.

\_\_\_\_\_*Jonathan Bender* (with permission D.W.) \_\_\_\_\_

Jonathan Bender

Chairperson

Attachments:

ANC 3/4G's September 20, 2009 letter to Tersh Boasberg, chair HPRB

ANC 3/4G's red-lined version of HPRB's Revised Procedures for Historic Landmark and Historic District Designation