



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

April 17, 2019

Residents and Staff of St. Mary's Court
c/o Ms. Margaret Pully, Executive Director
725 24th Street NW
Washington, DC 20037

RE: Resolution of Recognition Celebrating 40 Year Anniversary of St. Mary's Court

Dear St. Mary's Court Residents and Staff,

At its meeting on April 17, 2019, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With ____ of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted (____) to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, St. Mary's Court – an affordable housing community for seniors and persons with disabilities in Foggy Bottom – opened on March 22, 1979 and commemorated its 40th anniversary last month;

Whereas, the Episcopal Diocese of Washington obtained funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to construct St. Mary's Court in the mid-1970s based on a longstanding goal of the adjoining St. Mary's Episcopal Church to build affordable housing in Foggy Bottom on land then-owned by the National Capital Housing Authority (now the D.C. Housing Authority);

Whereas, far from being just a place to live, St. Mary's Court has always provided a robust set of services for its residents, including a meal plan, organized activities, and social services assistance – highly unique for housing communities of its type in the United States;

Whereas, St. Mary's Court has managed to consistently maintain a high degree of diversity in its residential population, enriching the fabric of Foggy Bottom and promoting connections across different cultures and experiences;

Whereas, St. Mary's Court is known for having friendly, engaged staff, many of whom end up working "at the Court" for decades – including the current executive director, Margaret Pully;

Whereas, St. Mary's Court has been a valued partner to many different neighborhood groups, including the ANC – for whom it has consistently made meeting space available on short notice over the years;

Whereas, despite the many difficulties associated with operating an affordable housing community of its type and the changing landscape of government funding programs, St. Mary's Court has managed to operate continuously and successfully for 40 years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on the occasion of St. Mary's Court celebrating its 40th anniversary in continuous operation, ANC 2A hereby recognizes it as a pillar of the Foggy Bottom community and a unique and valuable asset to the entire District of Columbia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A extends its best wishes to the residents and staff of St. Mary's Court on the occasion of the institution's 40th anniversary, and looks forward to seeing it operate successfully for many years to come.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,