



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

October 27, 2015

Watergate 50th Anniversary Committee
2500 Virginia Ave NW
Washington, DC 20037

RE: Commemoration of the Watergate's 50th Anniversary

Dear Watergate 50th Anniversary Committee,

At a duly-noticed public meeting on September 16, 2015, District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A, with a quorum of seven out of seven commissioners present, voted 7-0-0 to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer:

WHEREAS, October 27, 2015 marks the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of the Watergate Complex;

WHEREAS, the Watergate Complex is a Planned Unit Development consisting of three residential buildings, one hotel, and two office buildings and is named for the nearby "water gate", the point at which the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal intersects the Potomac River;

WHEREAS, the Watergate Complex was designed by noted Italian architect Luigi Moretti, often considered the most important Italian architect of the 20th century, whose other notable designs include the Tour de la Bourse in Montreal, the Foro Italico in Rome, and the Roma Termini in Rome;

WHEREAS, upon dedication, the Watergate Complex became known for its expansive landscape plan, created by landscape architect Boris Timchenko, including more than 150 modernist planters, several tiered fountains, landscaped roof gardens, and a seven-acre park with three swimming pools;

WHEREAS, upon conception, the Watergate Complex was the largest privately funded renewal project in Washington, DC, and the city's first mixed use project;

WHEREAS; the Watergate Complex was the site of many important events that greatly shaped the course of American history;

WHEREAS, the architectural and historical significance of the Watergate Complex was confirmed by its inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in October of 2005;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 2A formally conveys congratulations to those who live, work and visit the Watergate, one of the most iconic and beloved complexes in the nation's capital, on the 50th Anniversary of its dedication.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson