

	ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS • CLEVELAND PARK MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE HEIGHTS MCLEAN GARDENS • WOODLEY PARK
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ANC 3C Resolution 2013-034

Regarding DC Recommendations to Change Height of Buildings Act

WHEREAS Congress passed the Height of Buildings Act in 1899 in reaction to the construction of the Cairo residential building's height of 164 feet, which affected other building's light and air, and views to landmarks and monuments; and

WHEREAS Congress, in 1910, amended the law to reassert maximum height of buildings on residential streets to 90 feet and to set the maximum height of buildings on commercial streets to 130 feet, with a small portion of Pennsylvania Avenue allowed to reach 160 feet; and

WHEREAS the District of Columbia Zoning Commission determines building heights within the maximums established by Congress; and

WHEREAS the District of Columbia is noted for its iconic skyline, human scale, open spaces and vistas, and is visited by over 18 million people annually, who contribute more than 50% of the city's sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS Mayor Gray and the D.C. Office of Planning have recommended to Congress that it raise the height maximum in the L'Enfant City, where many commercial streets are located, to 200 feet, and rescind the maximums applied outside the L'Enfant City, which would include all of the area within ANC 3C; and

WHEREAS the zoning heights allowed within ANC 3C are well below the Height Act maximums and there appears to be no interest in exceeding the Height Act maximums, but strong interest in maintaining a complementary scale between heights on residential streets and heights on adjoining commercial streets:

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C believes the Height of Buildings Act has served the city well and continues to serve our interests;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C does not believe it is in local or national interests to narrow or eliminate perspectives to our national landmarks and monuments, to remove vistas, or alter the human scale of the District of Columbia;

BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C finds no benefit in lifting the height maximums in our residential areas outside the L'Enfant City and further finds the existing range of scale, partly dependent on the Height of Buildings Act, allows for growth while maintaining livable communities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ANC 3C does not support recommendations that would

1. change the height maximums in the L'Enfant City and
2. rescind the application of the Height Act outside the L'Enfant City;

BE IT RESOLVED that the elected commissioners of ANC 3C are authorized to represent the commission on this matter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "V. Silveira/ANC3C". The signature is stylized, with a large "V" and the name "Silveira" followed by a slash and "ANC3C".

Victor Silveira

Chair, on October 21, 2013

This resolution was approved by a roll call vote of 6-1, with two abstentions on October 21, 2013 at a regularly scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.