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ANC3C Resolution 2017-024
**Regarding NASH-Roadside 3900 Wisconsin, LLC Application for Historic
Landmark Designation for 3900 Wisconsin Avenue NW**

WHEREAS, NASH-Roadside 3900 Wisconsin, LLC has applied to the Historic Preservation Review Board for a historic landmark designation for one main building and two side buildings at 3900 Wisconsin Avenue NW;

WHEREAS, the main building was originally built in 1956-1958 as the headquarters of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the five-part plan building consists of a main block with two connectors, two side wings (built in 1964) and a non-contributing rear addition connected to both the central block and the wings (built in 1978);

WHEREAS, the contributing portions of the building were designed by renowned local architect Leon Chatelain, Jr. in the Colonial (or Georgian) Revival style and were modeled on the governor's palace in Williamsburg, Virginia;

WHEREAS, the Colonial Revival style is viewed as uniquely American and representative of the best of American history;

WHEREAS, the Equitable Life Insurance Building represents one of the last large-scale buildings in Washington, D.C., designed in the Colonial Revival style;

WHEREAS, the side wings that were built in 1963 are constructed of brick that matches the original 1956-1958 construction;

WHEREAS, a fire in 1968 caused significant damage to the interior, which was extensively remodeled in the late 1970s, so the requested designation would apply only to the buildings' exterior;

WHEREAS, the site boasts an expansive front lawn separated from the sidewalk by a low brick wall with two openings;

WHEREAS, the lawn is a key feature of the site, providing a grand entrance to the building that has become associated with the site;

WHEREAS, the building appears from the street as it did at the time of construction;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ANC3C:

- Supports NASH-Roadside's landmark application for a historic landmark designation for one main building and two side buildings at 3900 Wisconsin Avenue NW; and

- Urges the Historic Preservation Review Board to consider that the expansive lawn in front of the buildings is a critical piece of the property because of its historical role in presenting the building to the public from the street. The broad, open lawn that extends around to the side wings is punctuated only by the original U-shaped entrance driveway that characterizes the gracious, symmetrical context of the building and its setting.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair and Commissioner for ANC3C06 or their designees are authorized to represent the Commission in this matter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy J. MacWood".

Nancy J. MacWood
Chair, on October 16, 2017

This resolution was approved by a voice vote on October 16, 2017 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.