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## ANC 3C Resolution No. 2015-011 Regarding DDOT Public Space Application (#106852) to construct a fence in public space at 3339 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

WHEREAS, the Vatican Embassy, located at 3339 Massachusetts Avenue NW, has applied to Public Space for a special exception (DDOT Tracking #106852, Review#240598) for the paving and repairing or replacing of driveways and the installation of a 6 foot metal picket perimeter fence in excess of 42" and sliding gates in public space abutting the sidewalks on Massachusetts Avenue and 34th Street NW; and

WHEREAS, the property is located within the Naval Observatory Tree and Slope Protection Overlay; and

WHEREAS, this property is considered to be a diplomatic property for the purposes of use and zoning; and

WHEREAS, the Vatican Embassy has not yet consulted with the State Department Offices for project review; and

WHEREAS, the property contains six mature, second row trees, on the historic Massachusetts Avenue, which would be directly affected by this project (one of which extends to the sidewalk and is directly in the proposed path of the fence) and whereas neither ANC3C nor Urban Forestry Administration (UFA) have had the opportunity to review any Tree Protection Plan (TPP); and

WHEREAS, the submitted drawings do not address the sight lines from traffic on Massachusetts Avenue and  $34^{th}$  Street NW, to ensure that there would not be obstruction to the line of vision of approaching traffic from either direction at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and  $34^{th}$  Street NW; and

WHEREAS, ANC3C was notified of this application on March 9, 2015 for the Public Apace Hearing scheduled on April 23, 2015:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ANC3C requests that the Vatican Embassy file for formal approval of this project with the Department of State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C encourages the Vatican Embassy to consult with UFA for approval of a TPP for the six mature trees affected by the construction and located within the Naval Observatory Tree and Slope Protection Overlay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that absent State Department review and a TPP ANC3C does not support the application and requests that the Vatican Embassy return to the ANC3C's April 20, 2015 meeting, following State Department approval; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C urges the Vatican Embassy to step back the proposed fence from the sidewalk edge to ensure a more comfortable public area for pedestrians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair, the Commissioner of ANC3C08 or their designee are authorized to represent the Commission on this matter.

Attested by

Carl Roller

Chair, on March 16, 2015

This resolution was approved by a voice vote, on March 16, 2015 at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 9 commissioners) was present.