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ANC3C Resolution 2023-003
Regarding U.S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY HISTORIC DISTRICT NOMINATION

WHEREAS the Naval District of Washington has filed a nomination for a historic district on the grounds of the U.S. Naval Observatory; and

WHEREAS the proposed U.S. Naval Observatory (USNO) Historic District is located in northwest Washington, D.C. and is situated between the bustling corridors of Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues; and

WHEREAS the USNO Historic District boundaries encompass Observatory Circle in its entirety and consists of 68 resources, 25 of which are contributing and 43 are non-contributing. Of the 25 contributing resources, there are 14 buildings, 8 sites, and 3 objects; and

WHEREAS the buildings of the USNO Historic District are in good condition and retain a moderate-to-high level of integrity to portray their significance in their national role in timekeeping, navigation, and astronomy; and

WHEREAS individual buildings may have been altered, the district as a whole retains integrity of design, location, workmanship, setting, feeling, association, and materials, and a majority of the buildings retain their original design and historic use, and

WHEREAS the USNO is eligible under Criterion A for its association to the Communications, Education, Engineering, Invention, Maritime History, Military, and Politics/Government history of the United States, specifically its association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history which includes its contributions to positional astronomy and precise timekeeping, and

WHEREAS the USNO is eligible under Criterion C as an exemplary architectural collection which exhibits distinct phases of growth and development dating from 1888 to 1945, and including 14 contributing buildings are an eclectic mix of Greek Revival and Classical Revival style buildings, with a smaller representation of Egyptian Revival, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Moderne, International Style, and Modern architectural styles, and

WHEREAS The USNO Historic District's period of significance is 1887 to 1972, from its original design to the fifty year mark;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C supports the nomination to create the USNO Historic District and ask the Historic Preservation Review Board to approve it, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair and the Commissioner for 3C07 be authorized to speak on behalf of the Commission in this matter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janell Pagats', written in a cursive style.

Janell Pagats
Chair, on January 18, 2023

This resolution was approved by voice vote on January 18, 2023, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.