

ANC3C Resolution 2023-CONSENT Resolution

Regarding St. Albans School Little Sanctuary Expansion and Renovation Project 3101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW – Modification of Consequence to Special Exception (DC Board of Zoning Adjustment)

WHEREAS St. Albans School (“St. Albans”), 3101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, proposes to expand and renovate the chapel on the National Cathedral and Close grounds known as the Little Sanctuary, which is located wholly within the interior campus of St. Albans School (between Pilgrim Road and Lych Gate Road) and within ANC 3C08 (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, St. Albans School holds chapel services multiple times per week for both the Upper School and the Lower School in the Little Sanctuary, but the Little Sanctuary currently cannot fully accommodate Upper School students and faculty and lacks a modern mechanical ventilation system;

WHEREAS, the Project would (1) increase the footprint of the Little Sanctuary by approximately 1,900 square feet with the goal of the entire Upper School, including students and faculty, having seating; (2) add a modern HVAC system to the Little Sanctuary;

WHEREAS, at its July 18, 2022 meeting ANC 3C reviewed the proposed expansion and renovation concept plans for the Little Sanctuary, which is part of the National Cathedral and Close Historic District, a National Register historic landmark, and through its consent calendar supported the proposed concept plan;

WHEREAS, at its September 22, 2022 the D.C. Historic Preservation Review Board through its consent calendar found and approved the proposed expansion and renovation concept (new transept addition) to be compatible with the National Cathedral and Close Historic District and delegated final construction plans approval to Historic Preservation Office staff;

WHEREAS, St. Albans School seeks a Modification of Consequence to the St. Albans School Special Exception from the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment to permit construction of the Little Sanctuary expansion and renovation plans in conformity with height, massing, configuration, and overall design as approved by the HPRB and HPO staff (the “Modification”); and

WHEREAS, St. Albans School presented the final expansion and renovation plans as approved by the HPRB and HPO staff to ANC 3C’s Planning, Zoning, Housing and Economic Development Committee on December 4, 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C supports the proposed Modification by the BZA to the Special Exception to permit construction of the expansion and renovation of the Little Sanctuary for St. Albans School, 3101 Washington International School 3101 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. as described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes the Chair and the Commissioner for 3C08 to represent the Commission on this matter.