

C-R1-061703 Resolution Regarding Cathedral Bond Application

Whereas, community leaders within the National Cathedral neighborhood -- saddened, but informed, by a long history of bad relations with the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation (the "Foundation") and the National Cathedral School For Girls -- are desirous of cementing a more productive relationship for the future;

Whereas the Foundation is seeking community support for low-interest, tax-free municipal bonds;

Whereas such bonds are not an entitlement, but a privilege which may be bestowed by the city;

Whereas said community leaders have proposed that support for such bonds would be contingent on the Foundation's entry into an enforceable, negotiated agreement to undertake certain major improvements of benefit to the community as well as the Cathedral; and

Whereas such improvements should include, in part, underground parking for tour buses, adherence to the Olmsted limit of 14 percent lot occupancy on the Close, and a prohibition on construction of redundant school facilities on the Close.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Cleveland Park Citizens Association calls upon ANC3C and the Council of the District of Columbia to deny bond approval unless and until such a negotiated agreement is reached.