



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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July 14, 2017

Councilmember Charles Allen
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Re: Request to Add Emerald Street Historic District to D.C. Law 2-144, Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978, Section 11b. Targeted Homeowner Grant Program

Dear Councilmember Allen:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on July 13, 2017¹, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request the Emerald Street Historic District be added to D.C. Law 2-144, Historic Landmark and Historic District Protection Act of 1978, § 6-1110.02. Targeted Homeowner Grant Program (effective March 2, 2007). This grant program assists qualifying homeowners with rehabilitating their historic property.

On May 25, 2017, the Historic Preservation Review Board approved the Emerald Street Historic District. Unfortunately, because of the way the legislation is written, Emerald Street homeowners are not automatically eligible for the Historic Preservation Targeted Homeowner Grant Program.

A preliminary review of economic data from the census bureau by Historic Preservation Office staff suggests that 1 out of 3 households in the Emerald Street Historic District could qualify for grants based on income and ownership status (renters or high-income households not eligible for these grants). As you know, Emerald Street Historic District sits in close proximity to the Capitol Hill Historic District, which is included in the act along with a number of other Historic Districts in the District of Columbia.

Thank you for giving great weight to the request of ANC 6A in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at philanc6a@gmail.com or Commissioner Stephanie Zimny at stephaniezimnyANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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