



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Elliott Garrett
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
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RE: Public Space Application by Keshet Israel Congregation for the Installation of Temporary Planter Boxes On Sidewalk at 2801 N Street NW (DDOT #443931)

Dear Chair Garrett,

On May 1, 2024 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E fully supports the Public Space Application by Keshet Israel Congregation for the Installation of Temporary Planter Boxes on Sidewalk at 2801 N Street NW (DDOT #443931). Keshet Israel has been in Georgetown for 100 years. Local residents, residents in other neighborhoods, and national and international visitors come to Keshet to worship.

Recent events have unfortunately demonstrated to our community that the safety of both Keshet congregants, and thus the surrounding neighbors, will benefit from securing the public space around Keshet's perimeter, especially given its very unique proximity to the road. The proposed temporary planters provide a level of physical security Keshet and our community were seeking, plus are viewed by the Old Georgetown Board (OGB) as temporarily acceptable in the public view.

COMMISSIONERS:

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The application is temporary as Keshar intends to renovate its buildings based on a recently approved set of OGB and Zoning plans. The renovation will be extensive and has not yet begun. In coordination with this renovation, Keshar will be considering more permanent options than the temporary planters, perhaps similar to Public Space and OGB-approved black bollards that sit in the public space immediately in front of the Keshar N Street entrance. ANC 2E looks forward to working with Keshar on a permanent solution.

Chair Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gwendolyn Lohse", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E