

COMMISSION ACTION

NCPC File No. 7036



STREET CLOSING

A SECTION OF 14TH AND M STREETS, SE AND VIRGINIA AVENUE, SE

Abutting Square 1048-S and Reservations 129, 130, and 288
Washington, DC

Submitted by the District of Columbia Office of the Surveyor
S.O. # 09-1179

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Commission Action Requested

Approval of comments to the Council of the District of Columbia pursuant to D.C. Code § 9-202.02.

Commission Action

The Commission:

Supports the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Review Board's recommendation that any encroachment on L'Enfant views and vistas be completely avoided or minimized to the maximum extent possible through direct District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office involvement in the District of Columbia Office of Planning's on-going review of the development project.

Advises the Council of the District of Columbia that the proposed street closing of portions of Virginia Avenue, SE, M Street, SE, and 14th Street, SE and associated development plan would not have a negative impact on the federal interest provided that no development occurs within the L'Enfant streets rights-of-way and, therefore **recommends** that the development plan be modified to respect the viewsheds of 14th Street, SE, M Street, SE, and Virginia Avenue, SE.

Notes that the streets in the project area are original L'Enfant Streets, of which title is held by the United States, and further **notes** that the federal and District governments differ in their positions regarding the authority to transfer title to such streets.

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