



## Commission Action

December 5, 2019

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**PROJECT**

**Modification and Termination of the Urban  
Renewal Plans for the Shaw School and  
Downtown Urban Renewal Areas**  
Washington, DC

**NCPC FILE NUMBER**

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**NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER**

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**SUBMITTED BY**

District of Columbia Office of Planning

**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

Approval of modification and  
termination of the Urban Renewal  
Plans

**REVIEW AUTHORITY**

Approval  
per D.C. Code § 2-1225.31

**ACTION TAKEN**

Approved modification and  
termination of the Urban Renewal  
Plans

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The Commission:

**Approves** the modification to terminate the Urban Renewal Plans for the Shaw School and Downtown Urban Renewal Areas.

**Notes** that the current zoning regulations, existing Section 106 Memoranda of Agreements, Federal and District Elements of the Comprehensive Plan, Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation Plan, and NCPC's Central Area authority are satisfactory to protect the federal interests in these two areas if the plans are terminated before their 2028 expiration.

**Notes** that NCPC staff collaborated with DCOP staff during the 2016 zoning rewrite to ensure development controls were included to protect federal interests, including important viewsheds.

**Notes** that the current Section 106 Memoranda of Agreements related to the construction of the Convention Center and Capitol One Arena require the closed L'Enfant streets to be reopened after the two buildings have outlived their useful life.

**Notes** that the current definition of “central area,” a geographic area within which NCPC has approval authority over projects on District-owned land, is the area encompassed by the Shaw School and Downtown Urban Renewal Areas. The Commission’s authority within the existing central area boundary will not change upon termination of the urban renewal plans, and by statute it remains as is until NCPC and the District Council agree upon and adopt a new boundary definition (See D.C. Code § 2-1004 (c)).

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