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REFER TO:

October 19, 2021

Mr. David Maloney  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
District of Columbia, Office of Planning  
1100 4th Street SW, Suite 650 East  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Subject: Section 106 Consultation for Establishment of the Fallen Journalists Memorial

Dear Mr. Maloney:

The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation, wishes to formally initiate consultation with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3 of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, regarding the establishment of the Fallen Journalists Memorial. In December 2020, Public Law 116-254 authorized the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work on Federal land in the District of Columbia commemorating America's commitment to a free press by honoring journalists who sacrificed their lives in service to that cause. The memorial must be consistent with the Commemorative Works Act, which ensures that commemorative works in areas administered by the NPS in Washington, D.C. are appropriately designed, constructed, and located. The NPS will be responsible for its long-term maintenance.

As part of this proposal, NPS and the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation will select a site during the first scoping period and will address design under a second scoping period. If determined that the preferred site presents unacceptable challenges to design, an alternative site would then be carried forward and the compliance process would be adjusted accordingly.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NPS anticipates the preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) that will address the memorial's site selection and design. The NPS intends to coordinate consultation and NEPA review per Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) regulations (36 CFR 800.8) and to consult the public per 36 CFR 800.3(e) in public meetings and through our Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website (<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/>). These outreach efforts will accommodate both NEPA and the Section 106 processes, although NEPA and the Section 106 processes are on two separate, but parallel tracks.

The NPS is seeking ways to avoid and minimize the potential for adverse effects of the proposed Fallen Journalists Memorial on historic properties. At this time, multiple sites are under consideration for the memorial; these are located along Pennsylvania Avenue NW and Maryland Avenue SW. Because no project site has yet been identified, an APE has not yet been

established. Once a site is determined, the NPS will prepare a formal Assessment of Effects for the project. On August 25<sup>th</sup>, NPS provided the DC SHPO with a draft site selection report. Since that time, and in discussion with SHPO staff, the NPS and the memorial sponsor have revised the site selection report in preparation for review by the National Capital Memorial Advisory Commission on October 5, 2021. The NPS seeks the DC SHPO's review and comments on the attached site selection report.

We look forward to consulting with you on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Dewey, Chief of Resource Management for NAMA at 202-245-4711 or via email at [catherine\\_dewey@nps.gov](mailto:catherine_dewey@nps.gov).

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

**Attachment**

Fallen Journalists Memorial Site Selection Study