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NCPC and DCOP to Hold First Round of Height Master Plan Public Meetings *Input to inform joint study examining Washington's Height Act*

Washington, DC –The National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) and the DC Office of Planning (DCOP) will hold the first round of public meetings starting on May 13th to discuss the work underway for the Congressionally-requested joint *Height Master Plan for the District of Columbia*. The study is intended to determine how the federal Height of Buildings Act of 1910 continues to serve both the federal and District government interests and explore the impact of strategic changes to Height Act.

The study is guided by the following principles:

- Ensuring the prominence of federal landmarks and monuments by preserving their views and setting;
- Maintaining the horizontality of the monumental city skyline; and
- Minimizing the negative impacts to nationally significant historic resources, including the L'Enfant Plan.

The first round of meetings will present the scope and schedule of the study and discuss how other cities manage building height. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback about how the federal Height of Buildings Act impacts federal and local interests. Information received at these public meetings will inform development of the Plan. Each session will follow the same format and agenda. Additional public meetings will be scheduled for future phases of the study, with the next round anticipated in late July.

The Height Master Plan was requested by Congressman Darrell Issa, Chair of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census, and the National Archives. NCPC and the District will submit final recommendations to Congress in fall 2013.

Additional information about the Height Master Plan and public meetings are located at:
www.ncpc.gov/heightstudy.

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Who: National Capital Planning Commission and DC Office of Planning

What: Height Master Plan, First Round of Public Meetings

When/

Where: Monday, May 13, 2013
Petworth Library
6:30 - 8:30 PM
4200 Kansas Avenue, NW
Metro: Georgia Ave-Petworth

Saturday, May 18, 2013
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
901 G Street, NW
Metro: Gallery Pl-Chinatown

Tuesday, June 4, 2013
National Capital Planning Commission
6:30 - 8:30 PM
401 9th Street, NW Suite 500
Metro: Archives or Gallery Pl-Chinatown

Thursday, June 6, 2013
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Savoy Elementary School
2400 Shannon Place, SE
Metro: Anacostia

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