



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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June 25, 2021

Mr. Matthew Marcou
Chair, Public Space Committee
District Department of Transportation
1100 4th Street SW, Third Floor
Washington, DC 20004
PublicSpace.Committee@dc.gov

RE: Public Space Application by the Embassy of Spain for the Installation of a Figure of Bernando de Galvez at 2375 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (DDOT #369408)

Dear Chair Marcou,

At its regular meeting on June 16, 2021, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted (7-0-1), after a motion made by Commissioner Epstein and seconded by Commissioner Causey, to adopt the following resolution:

ANC 2A supports the Embassy of Spain's public space application for the installation of a figure of Bernando de Galvez at 2375 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

Commissioner Jeri Epstein (2A06@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Jeri Epstein
Chairperson

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The Department of State acknowledges receipt of the diplomatic note dated December 18, 2020, from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain, requesting approval to install a sign that explains the Bernardo de Galvez statue at the chancery, located at 2375 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

The Department approves the request with the understanding that the Embassy will substantially comply with local building codes and regulations and obtain all necessary permits from the Government of the District of Columbia.

In addition, based on reciprocity, the Department authorizes the Government of the District of Columbia to issue all permits required for this installation and encloses letters to the Government of the District of Columbia to that effect.

The Embassy is reminded that the area where it plans to install this statue is located outside of the property line and within public space. Therefore, a separate approval is required from the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) Public Space Committee before the project commences. The Embassy is informed that at a minimum, this process may take at least one month. For more information about this process, please visit: <http://ddot.dc.gov/service/public-space-management>.

In support of the *Greening Diplomacy Initiative*, the Department encourages all missions to consider sustainable practices in their operations and when

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undertaking new construction or major renovation efforts at their facilities in the United States. A unique resource available to assist embassies is the *District of Columbia's Greening Embassies Forum*. This *Forum* is a partnership between the Department, the *Earth Day Network*, and participating embassies and international organizations focused on encouraging and realizing sustainable practices across the diplomatic community. Embassies can stay informed by liking the DC Greening Embassies Forum on Facebook.

In connection with this installation, the Embassy may request authorization from the Department for its contractors and subcontractors to use the Embassy's mission tax exemption card for project-related goods and materials. More information regarding Purchasing Agent Arrangements can be found in the Department's diplomatic note No. 16-1103, available at:

<https://www.state.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/260191.pdf>.

If the Embassy has any questions, it may contact OFM at OFMProperty@state.gov.

Enclosure:

As stated.

Department of State,

Washington, February 8, 2021.

