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Councilmember Charles Allen



Councilmember Elissa Silverman

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To celebrate the outstanding leadership, selfless service, and ongoing devotion of Sig and Susan Cohen to the Hill Havurah, Capitol Hill, and wider Washington communities.

WHEREAS, Sig and Susan Cohen settled in Washington, D.C. over 30 years ago after spending their earlier years serving around the world, with Sig working as an American diplomat and Susan volunteering with local causes in such places as East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), India, West Germany and England;

WHEREAS, Sig and Susan built their lives on Capitol Hill and dedicated much of their time in the District to fostering a thriving Jewish community in their neighborhood;

WHEREAS, after being unable to find a natural fit within other Jewish communities, Sig and Susan started a new community on Capitol Hill called Hill Havurah, initially opening their home and then other Capitol Hill living rooms to provide their growing community a space to convene;

WHEREAS, through their leadership and the can-do spirit they have instilled in Hill Havurah members, Sig and Susan have sustained Hill Havurah's presence on Capitol Hill and its growth to now offer a Hebrew school, early childhood education program, and Sage community group for empty nesters;

WHEREAS, Susan has remained committed to staying civically engaged and has taught the renowned Alexander Technique across Washington, D.C. at such places as Shakespeare Theatre Company, Arena Stage, Studio Theatre, Howard University, and The Catholic University of America;

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WHEREAS, Sig has continued to devote significant time and energy toward bettering Capitol Hill and its surrounding communities through his work helping to start a free community mediation service in the District, working to build connections between church prison ministries and re-entry service providers, serving Capitol Hill Group Ministry as both a member of the Board of Directors and a past chair of their Housing Advocacy Committee, and serving as a founding member of the South Washington/West-of-the-River Family Strengthening Collaborative;

WHEREAS, Sig and Susan remain dedicated public servants and continue to be the backbone of many Hill Havurah community activities—Susan regularly blows the shofar during the High Holidays and, together, she and Sig ensure that food is plentiful at the end of the Yom Kippur fast;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the "Sig and Susan Cohen Recognition Resolution of 2018".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes Sig and Susan Cohen for their ongoing commitments to serving diverse communities across the District, creating a multi-faceted faith-based community for District residents in Hill Havurah, and fostering inclusivity on Capitol Hill and its surrounding neighborhoods.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.