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OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY

VINCENT C. GRAY  
MAYOR

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 504  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the Council, in accordance with the requirements of D.C. Official Code § 10-111, is the "*Transfer of Jurisdiction of a Portion of Reservation 497 (Square 3712, Lots 101-104) Approval Resolution of 2014.*" The resolution authorizes the transfer of jurisdiction over a portion of the land known as Reservation 497 (Square 3712, Lots 101-104), from the United States, by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, to the District of Columbia for the purpose of establishing a permanent memorial (Metro Memorial Park) honoring the victims of, and first responders to, the Metrorail Red Line collision on June 22, 2009.

The District seeks to establish a permanent memorial honoring the victims of, and first responders to, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Metrorail Red Line collision on June 22, 2009 that killed nine people and injured 80 people. The District conducted a site selection process to identify suitable sites within the District of Columbia, including both the District and NPS properties, with the most appropriate site identified as property north of the intersection of New Hampshire and South Dakota Avenues, NW, which is NPS property included as part of the Circle Fort Parks, known for tax and assessment purposes as a part of a portion of Reservation 497 (Square 3712, Lots 101-104). After the transfer of jurisdiction is complete, the District would assume responsibility for designing and constructing the memorial. NCPC holds advisory review authority over the memorial site development plans, which requires the District to submit the memorial plans for Commission action prior to construction.


I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the proposed resolution. If you have any questions, please contact Brian J. Hanlon, Director, Department of General Services at 202.727.2800.

Sincerely,

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Vincent C. Gray

Enclosure

  
Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To approve the transfer of jurisdiction of a portion of Reservation 497 (Square 3712, Lots 101-104), from the United States, by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, to the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Transfer of Jurisdiction of a portion of Reservation 497 (Square 3712, Lots 101-104) Approval Resolution of 2014”.

Sec. 2. Pursuant to section 1 of An Act To authorize the transfer of jurisdiction over public land in the District of Columbia, approved May 20, 1932 (47 Stat.161; D.C. Official Code § 10-111), the Council of the District of Columbia approves the transfer of jurisdiction of a portion of the land known as Reservation 497 (Square 3712, Lots 101-104), from the United States, by the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. Transmittal.

The Secretary to the Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the Mayor, the Surveyor of the District of Columbia, the Director of the National Capital Planning Commission, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, the Director of the National Park Service, and the Regional Director of the National Capital Parks, National Park Service.

1           Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

2           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal  
3 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,  
4 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

5           Sec. 5. Effective date.

6           This resolution shall take effect immediately.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



Legal Counsel Division

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Lolita S. Alston  
Director  
Office of Legislative Support

**FROM:** Janet M. Robins  
Deputy Attorney General  
Legal Counsel Division

**DATE:** May 2, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Legal Sufficiency Review of the "Transfer of Jurisdiction of a portion of Reservation 497 (Square 3712, Lots 101-104) Approval Resolution of 2014"  
(AE-14-257)

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**This is to Certify that** this Office has reviewed the "Transfer of Jurisdiction of a portion of Reservation 497 (Square 3712, Lots 101-104) Approval Resolution of 2014" and found it to be legally unobjectionable. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "JMR/c. Fisher", is written over a horizontal line.

Janet M. Robins