

# Government of the District of Columbia

## Washington Highlands Library Disapproval Resolution of 2009

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**WHERE AS**, The Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8B was created to advise the Government of the District of Columbia, the Council of the District, and its Mayor; and

**WHERE AS**, DC Library has engaged in a poor representation on engaging Community Leaders and giving Great Weight to the Advisory Neighborhoods Commissions; and

**WHERE AS**, Great Weight is defined in DC Law as ALL DC AGENCIES are required to give ANC Great Weight and must make its; and

**WHERE AS**, The design process used by DCPL has left out meaningful community input despite residents throughout Ward Eight expressing serious concerns with the proposed library designs process; and

**WHERE AS**, The proposed design would remove parking, create congestion, and create niches and courts that many feel would create unsecured spaces on the exterior of the new library; and

**WHERE AS**, DCPL stated that the infrastructure, foundation of the current library is in great shape and would save over 2.5 million dollars by renovating and adding to the current library; and

**WEHRE AS**, it cost under \$900,000 to build a storefront library in Ward 8, and \$2.5 million could build at least 2 additional libraries in Ward 8.

**WHERE AS**, DCPL has never presented the proposed library design plans in any meaningful or formal manner to any ANC Commission in Ward Eight; and

**WHERE AS**, DCPL never presented any Ward Eight ANC Commission with an Needs Assessment of the Community.

**WHERE AS**, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8B is calling for the DCPL to create an Comprehensive Plan for Services across the City.

**WHERE AS**, They could have been any Community input because prior to the first public design meeting to the Ward 8 Community, DCPL submitted plans, concept, and design blueprints to the Commission on Fine Arts

**THEREFORE**, The Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8B strongly recommends to the Mayor and the District of Columbia Library to work aggressively so the ANC 8D community can begin to break ground on a design that is reasonable and satisfy all parties

**LET IT BE KNOWN**, that the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 8B declares this resolution to be called the **Washington Highlands Disapproval Resolution of 2009**. ON THIS DAY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE DEEMED EFFECTIVE.

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The Honorable David Brewer  
Chair, ANC 8B

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The Honorable Darrell D. Gaston  
Secretary, ANC 8B

*The ANC's are advisory boards composed of residents elected from the Districts' neighborhoods. The Commissions are independent bodies that advise the government on policy issues affecting their particular neighborhoods.*