



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Earl Eutsler
Associate Director, Urban Forestry Division
District Department of Transportation
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RE: Proposed Removal of a Gingko Tree on the 2600 Block of O Street NW

Dear Mr. Eutsler,

On June 3, 2019 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by six commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (5-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

Trees are a critical part of Georgetown and one of the things that makes Georgetown so unique. ANC 2E fully supports the value that the community places on trees including Gingko trees. Unfortunately, the fruits of a very mature female Gingko tree on the northeast corner of 27th Street and O Street NW have become a safety hazard for nearby residents, especially seniors and very young children who live on or near that corner. This specific corner has significant pedestrian traffic given its proximity to Rose Park, M Street NW, and stores on P Street NW. Efforts have been made to spray the tree to reduce its dangerous fruits as well as to clean up its fruits once they have fallen on the sidewalk, however these efforts have not made it safer for Georgetown residents to navigate the sidewalk.

The Urban Forestry Division of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) allows homeowners to petition DDOT to replace a female Gingko tree with a male Gingko tree if 60% or more of the homeowners on the block support the replacement. Per DDOT, a petition filed in May of 2019 for this specific female Gingko tree surpassed the 60% threshold of total properties on the block agreeing to the replacement. ANC 2E supports the resident-driven petition to replace this female Gingko tree with a male Gingko tree. This block is fortunate to have several very mature Gingko trees. At this time, the ANC does not support the removal or replacement of the other Gingko trees on this street as their fruits pose no safety threat to pedestrians.

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Commissioners Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) and Rick Murphy (2E03@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Murphy, Jr." in a cursive script.

Rick Murphy
Chair, ANC 2E