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Dear Public Art in Communities Review Jury,

At a regularly scheduled, properly noticed, meeting on March 11th, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted (8-0-0) to support the applicant's above-referenced request.

Thank you for your consideration of Historic Congressional Cemetery's (HCC) Public Art grant application. ANC 6B is appreciative and supportive of Historic Congressional Cemetery and the work that they do. We welcome their programming initiatives in this historic community landmark. We are fully in support of the development of accessible, artistic public programming. Further, the Congressional Cemetery is an important gathering place for our community, and we look forward to more innovative art and programming at the site.

Anthony Orlikoff, Interim Executive Director of Historic Congressional Cemetery, made a presentation to the ANC 6B Full Meeting on Tuesday, June 10th. HCC has communicated their plan to commission local DC-artist Nekisha Durrett for a public art project in the cemetery. ANC 6B is looking forward to this project and is prepared to provide support in institutional and communications formats. He described the cemetery commitment to public art and the desire to continue temporary installations in collaboration with the community. He cited the artist's impressive experience in public art, and how the Cemetery anticipates creating the project with the Public Art Building Communities grant support. With a quorum present, ANC 6B voted 8-0-1 to support this project by means of this letter.

HCC regularly briefs us and the public on their activities, and we are more than pleased to help amplify their work. We have no concerns about the project, but are certain that if any arise, we have effective ongoing communication with the team at HCC. Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to welcoming this project to our neighborhood.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed. Ryder".

Edward Ryder
Chair, ANC 6B

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