



## **ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E**

**TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK  
FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS**

c/o Lisner Home 5425 Western Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20015

### **Resolution Regarding the Nomination of Jesse Reno School for Historic Designation**

**WHEREAS**, The Tenleytown Historical Society (THS) has submitted an application to the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) requesting that the Jesse Reno School, located at 4820 Howard Street, NW, be designated an historic landmark and be listed in the DC Inventory of Historic Sites.

**WHEREAS**, The Jesse Reno School, as the one time school for African-American children in the community representing a sorry chapter in the history of the community, satisfies criteria for such designation and inclusion in the inventory because it is “the site of events that contributed significantly to the heritage, culture, and development of the District of Columbia and is associated with groups and institutions that contributed significantly to the heritage, culture, and development of the District of Columbia.”

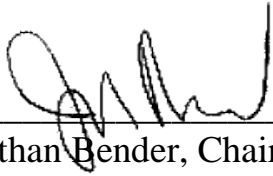
**WHEREAS**, Deal Middle School is currently in the midst of planning to incorporate the Jesse Reno School structure into its campus and in doing so can best honor the history of the building by putting it to use in the education of a diverse student body.

**WHEREAS**, there are procedures in place to insure that the historic structure of the building and its history can be respected in the modernization of the Jesse Reno School without taking the step of designation and inclusion in inventory at this time.

**WHEREAS**, historic designation and inclusion in inventory could result in added complication and delay in the modernization process for the Jesse Reno School while not necessarily adding significant substantive protections.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 3E opposes designation of the Reno School at this time, but would fully support such designation upon the completion of the modernization process.

ANC 3E approved this resolution at its scheduled meeting on November 5, 2009, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 3-2. Commissioners Jonathan Bender, Mathew Frumin, Sam Serebin, Beverly Sklover and Lucy Eldridge were present.



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Jonathan Bender, Chair, ANC 3E