

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmembers Fenty and Graham introduced the following proposed resolution, which was referred to the Committee on _____.

To declare the sense of the Council in opposition to the current Draft Master Plan for the Armed Forces Retirement Home and in support of a revised development plan that would compliment the surrounding neighborhoods, preserve the value of historic sites, and follow the spirit of the McMillan Plan.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Sense of the Council in Opposition to the Draft Master Plan for the Armed Forces Retirement Home Resolution of 2006”.

Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

(1) The current Draft Master Plan for the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) proposes development that would be far more dense than the neighboring residential communities in Wards 1, 4, and 5.

(2) The proposed development, because of its scale, would cause an increase in traffic, ensuing noise and air pollution, and the loss of valued and historic green space.

(3) In comparison to other parts of the District of Columbia, the neighborhoods around the AFRH offer relatively few parks or recreational opportunities.

(4) The 1902 McMillan Plan for the District of Columbia calls for the preservation of the natural landscape of the AFRH.

(5) The current Draft Master Plan for AFRH will alter historical sites by threatening the tranquility and openness of the Lincoln Cottage and the nearby Rock Creek Church Cemetery and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Sec. 3. It is the sense of the Council that development plans for the Armed Forces Retirement Home should be revised to incorporate the fabric of the neighboring communities, the historic value of the AFRH and surrounding locations, and the spirit of the 1902 McMillan Plan.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.