



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E Resolution No. 2026-001

Resolution Calling on the DC Council to Expeditiously Pass Bill 26-157, the “Langston Slater Surplus Declaration and Disposition Approval Act of 2025” to Facilitate Affordable Housing and Historic Preservation in Truxton Circle

WHEREAS, the site known as “Langston Slater” is comprised of two historic public schools, located at 33-45 P Street NW (square 0615 lot 0827), which have been planned for adaptive reuse into mixed-income residential units;

WHEREAS, ANC 5E previously expressed support for redeveloping these historic properties into a mixed-income, mixed-use development under Resolution 2021-002 “*Regarding Community Preferences for Redevelopment of the John Mercer Langston and John Fox Slater Elementary School Buildings*”;

WHEREAS, the District selected a development team for the site in 2021 after reviewing responses to its 2020 Request for Proposal;

WHEREAS, the property remains owned by the District of Columbia and must be disposed of via legislation passed by the DC Council before redevelopment of the site can proceed;

WHEREAS, the bill previously introduced during the DC Council Period 25 (2023-2024), Bill B25-0838, the “Langston Slater Surplus Declaration and Disposition Approval Act of 2024,” received a Public Hearing in December 2024 but did not pass before the end of the Council Period;

WHEREAS, a new bill, Bill B26-157, the “Langston Slater Surplus Declaration and Disposition Approval Act of 2025,” was introduced in February 2025 at the beginning of the DC Council Period 26 (2025-2026);

WHEREAS, Bill B26-157 is awaiting markup and has not advanced nearly a year after it was introduced;

WHEREAS, these two properties are in a state of disrepair, having been underused or left vacant for multiple decades;

WHEREAS, even after being explicitly targeted by the District for redevelopment, an additional half-decade has passed with limited progress toward rehabilitating and redeveloping the site, thus further worsening the condition of the site; and

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WHEREAS, redevelopment of this site would provide an important source of new housing for the Truxton Circle neighborhood, much of it preserved for low-income families, serve as an important residential anchor adjacent to North Capitol Street Corridor, and reactivate a set of historically important and architecturally significant properties;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E requests that the Committee on Facilities and any other committees the bill is referred to expeditiously hold hearings and markup, as necessary, and advance Bill B26-157 to the full DC Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 5E calls on the DC Council to promptly pass Bill B26-157 to ensure that the Langston Slater site can be rehabilitated and redeveloped to provide affordable and mixed-income housing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 5E invites Ward 5 Councilmember Parker, or a member of his staff, or a member of the staff of the relevant committees, to attend an upcoming ANC 5E public meeting to provide the community an update on the status of this bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioner Gardiner is authorized to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

THIS RESOLUTION was introduced by Commissioner Kyle Gardiner and came before ANC 5E at a duly-noticed public meeting on February 17, 2026. ANC 5E is currently composed of 6 Commissioners, such that 4 Commissioners constitute a quorum. With 6 Commissioners present, ANC 5E voted 6-0-0 adopt this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

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