

November 13, 2025

To: Commissioners, ANC 3/4G

From: Members, Racial and Social Equity Standing Committee (RASE),
ANC 3/4G

Re: Support for ANC 3/4G's Resolution on the Removal of the Newlands
Wayside Exhibit and the Need for Its Timely Restoration

The Racial and Social Equity Committee is writing to support ANC 3/4G's resolution regarding the recent removal of the Newlands Wayside Exhibit at Chevy Chase Circle authored by Commissioner Peter Gosselin. The exhibit, created through years of collaboration between the community and other stakeholders provided a balanced and historically accurate account of Francis G. Newlands' complex legacy. Its sudden removal without prior notice has caused some concern by community members.

RASE supports the resolution approved by the ANC in asking the National Park Service to explain why the exhibit was taken down, whether it will be replaced, and what the timeline for any replacement will be. RASE also supports the ANC's plan to work with local groups to reproduce the exhibit if NPS cannot offer a timely path forward. RASE would like to be involved in this effort.

Sincerely,

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