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Mr. David Maloney,  
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1100 4th Street, SW, Suite E650  
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Re: Section 106 Consultation – Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site Plan

Dear Mr. <sup>David</sup>Maloney,

The National Park Service (NPS) wishes to formally re-initiate consultation with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office on the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site Plan in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. §470) and its implementing regulations (36 CFR Part 800.3). In 2006-2008, NPS held Section 106 consultation meetings for the National Mall Plan, which included Pennsylvania Avenue. In 2009, NPS announced separation of the planning efforts for the National Mall and Pennsylvania Avenue.

The National Park Service, with the National Capital Planning Commission, the General Services Administration, and the District, is now re-initiating a planning effort to prepare a long-term vision for the management of Pennsylvania Avenue. This is a follow-up to the National Mall Plan, and is focused on Pennsylvania Avenue as the nation's "Main Street," where inaugural parades, civil rights marches and state funerals occur, and where nationally significant people and events will be commemorated in the future. The need for the plan is to address current problems and concerns about the management and maintenance of the avenue and its connections to the city, and to better achieve the goals of the 1974 Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation (PADC) Plan.

The proposed Area of Potential Effects, a description of historic properties, and a draft assessment of effects of the proposed alternatives are provided in the attachments. This material is extracted from NPS' draft Environmental Assessment (EA), which is being prepared according to the National Environmental Policy Act. This EA will be further refined based on comments provided during an upcoming public meeting and comment period, and public release is anticipated in late summer of 2013. The NEPA process is being conducted concurrent to, and where appropriate coordinated with, the Section 106 consultation. The public meeting is on May 29th, from 5:00-7:00 pm at NCPC, and will provide an overview of both NEPA and Section 106 topics.

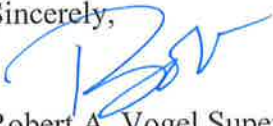
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Because the nature of the proposal involves overall planning and management of the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site, it is anticipated that the consulting parties may decide to develop a Programmatic Agreement, in order to define and commit to how historic properties would be protected from adverse effects.

Thank you for your help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact James Perry, Chief of Resource Management, at [James\\_Perry@NPS.gov](mailto:James_Perry@NPS.gov) or 202-245-4711.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Vogel Superintendent, National Mall and Memorial Parks

Enclosures: APE, description of historic properties, and draft assessment of effects