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Marcel Acosta
Executive Director
National Capital Planning Commission
401 9th Street, N.W.
North Lobby, Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20004

Subject: National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial Site Selection

Dear Mr. Acosta:

The National Park Service (NPS), on behalf of the National Desert Storm War Memorial Association (Association), requests that the National Capital Planning Commission consider a revised site selection study for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial at its December 07, 2017 meeting.

In July 2017, the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) and the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) offered differing comments on an alternative site selection study which short-listed two potential memorial sites: (1) 23rd and Constitution and (2) the vicinity of Memorial Circle. While the NCPC supported both sites, the CFA requested more in-depth information and encouraged further study of potential sites that are less constrained by size and adjacency to existing commemorations.

In response, the Association reduced the desired memorial footprint and presented a revised site selection study to the CFA on October 19, 2017. The revised study removed the Memorial Circle site from consideration, provided a stronger justification for the 23rd and Constitution site, and added Walt Whitman Park as an alternative. The CFA concurred with this direction, but also requested that the Association and the NPS give design consideration to the Constitution Avenue Belvedere site.

The Association and the NPS plan to develop design concepts consistent with the CFA's direction and would hope that NCPC would also endorse this approach.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact Glenn DeMarr, Project Manager, in our Office of Lands and Planning at (202) 619-7027.

Sincerely,

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