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**THE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION
ASSEMBLY VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO REPAIR AND
REOPEN KLINGLE ROAD**

THE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
THE REPAIR AND REOPENING OF KLINGLE ROAD

WHEREAS, Klingle Road is a public road that was deeded to the District of Columbia for use as a "public highway" in 1885, and received the District's dedication as a public highway as noted in the DC Code and reflected on the DC map. It, therefore, qualifies for the upkeep and safe maintenance accorded to all other public roads in the District;

WHEREAS, Klingle Road has been a public road that District residents have relied on for more than one-hundred years. The road predates the development of most communities in Woodley Park and Cleveland Park, the dedication of Rock Creek Park as well as Connecticut Avenue;

WHEREAS, Klingle Road is the only one of six cross-town (east-west) routes that by passes Connecticut Avenue with its six lanes of traffic; and links Ward 1 and 4 communities east of Rock Creek Park (Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant, Crestwood, 16th Street Heights, Colonial Village, North Portal Estates, Shepherd Park, etc.) with businesses, schools, hospitals and churches west of the park;

WHEREAS, District residents have been deprived of using Klingle Road since 1991, because of the District Government's delay in repairing the road. The delay is causing negative impacts on traffic and emergency services. For example, traffic that had traveled through the park using Klingle Road is now forced to use densely populated residential streets, such as Porter, Tilden, Macomb or 36th Street or cut through the National Zoo. Fire and police emergency operations that once relied on Klingle Road as a critical thoroughfare are also forced to use alternate east-west routes;

WHEREAS, Traffic congestion is too much of a problem in the District to allow any existing available public thoroughfare such as Klingle Road to remain unavailable;

WHEREAS, The legislative process to permanently and legally close a road requires a detailed proposal from the Mayor to the Council, a public hearing with input from various public agencies and Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, and a determination from the Council that the road is unnecessary. The decision to close a road is not one that executive agencies are authorized to make;

WHEREAS, The repair and opening of Klingle Road could alleviate traffic congestion and public safety concerns, remedy the environmental neglect and promote economic development;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Assembly urges the Mayor to repair and reopen Klingle Road without further delay.

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