

Resolution of the Board of Directors

Proposing to Change the Association's Name from the Cleveland Park Citizens Association to the Cleveland Park Community Association

Whereas, historically in Washington, DC, neighborhood associations were called "citizens" associations in predominantly white areas and "community" associations in predominantly Black areas;

Whereas, some neighborhoods represented by "citizens" associations were associated with racist practices to exclude Black Washingtonians;

Whereas, the term "citizens" has been interpreted to suggest that residents who are not United States citizens are not eligible to join, and,

Whereas, the use of the term "citizens" in a neighborhood association's name can, therefore, give offense and generate confusion;

Whereas, one of our citywide umbrella organizations, The Washington DC Federation of Citizens' Associations has resolved to change its name to The Washington Federation of Community Associations in light of such considerations;

Whereas, our association was originally named the Connecticut Avenue Citizens Association, changing its name to the Cleveland Park Citizens Association in 1967 to better reflect its focus on all of Cleveland Park;

Whereas, our association has a long history of promoting racial equity in the District and is committed, as reflected in our Bylaws, to promoting and protecting the diversity of our neighborhood;

Whereas, we wish to ensure our association's name reflects our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusiveness, and does not give offense, but rather reflects that all Cleveland Park residents are welcome to be members;

Whereas, the Board of Directors has been advised by District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) that a name change requires amending the association's Articles of Incorporation; and,

Whereas, Article XII of the Articles of Incorporation requires that the Board of Directors introduce a resolution proposing an amendment at a membership meeting prior to the meeting at which the membership will vote on the amendment;



Therefore, the Board of Directors resolves on this day, June 19, 2022, to:

(i) propose changing the association’s name to the “**Cleveland Park Community Association**”, amending the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the association to effectuate this change; and,

If these amendments are adopted at a subsequent member meeting,

(ii) make appropriate filings to DCRA and the Internal Revenue Service;

(iii) inform association insurers and any other contractors as appropriate of the change in legal name; and,

(iv) ensure a smooth transition to use of the new name by, for example, including reference to the name change in public postings, such as on our website, and in communications with third parties, for a period of twelve months from the date the change goes into effect.

