Building on 100 Years of Planning Advocacy

January 19, 2024

## Re: Committee of 100 Support for PR25-0581, HPRB Marnique Heath Confirmation Resolution

Dear Chairman Mendelson and members of the Committee of the Whole,

The Committee of 100 on the Federal City, founded in 1923 to promote responsible land use and planning in the Nation's Capital, supports the reappointment of Historic Preservation Review Board Member Marnique Heath to serve as architect member of the HPRB, finding that Ms. Heath has shown herself to be a capable, thoughtful, competent, and considerate member of the HPRB, deserving and qualified in our view to be reappointed.

Further, the Committee of 100 would like to express its concern for the four vacant positions on the HPRB. We are particularly concerned that the current composition of the Board, with only five of the nine seats filled, lacks a qualified archaeologist, and there are three other vacancies as well. The Board works best when it has all positions filled with qualified appointees.

C100 regrets not having the opportunity to present these remarks in person on January 10<sup>th</sup> but hopes that they will be considered favorably in Council deliberation of Ms. Heath's proposed reappointment.

Sincerely,

(irby Vining, Chair,

Historic Preservation Subcommittee,

Committee of 100 on the Federal City