

WHEREAS: The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia is the District’s oldest historical organization; and,

WHEREAS: The Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia was founded in December 1865 as an organization dedicated to preserving the memories and history of the District of Columbia; and,

WHEREAS: During its 156 year history the organization has supported programs and initiatives to preserve the city’s design, such as: The L’Enfant, McMillan and The Capital Framework Plan through advocacy and preservation initiatives; and,

WHEREAS: The AOI has carefully and successfully managed its financial assets for the past sixty-plus years; and,

WHEREAS: That successful financial management has provided the AOI with a robust, growing portfolio of successful investments which has not been tapped other than the 2015 Sesquicentennial Grants; and,

WHEREAS: The organization wishes for its legacy of historic preservation and preservation advocacy to be continued; and,

WHEREAS: The March 2021 Membership Survey, responded to by more than 50% of the organization’s membership, revealed that while there is great interest in the organization continuing its informational, educational, DC-centric programs – via luncheons, on-line meetings or a hybrid approach – there was little to no membership interest in carrying out the time-consuming and daunting tasks required of advocacy and preservation, to wit: researching, writing and presenting testimony before public boards, commissions, Congress or the D.C. Council and/or actively participating in exploring new concepts, means and methods of preserving AOI’s past successes with historic preservation; and,

WHEREAS: The Officers and Board of Directors of the AOI of DC believe that the membership should support our heritage partners by paying forward our financial support to these organizations in concert with the AOI’s 156 year tradition of advocacy and preservation; and,

WHEREAS: The By-laws of the AOI of DC requires the approval of the membership for expenditures and disbursements in excess of \$5,000 (Section VI “Board of Directors,” AOI By-laws, Revised Sept. 21, 2007); and,

WHEREAS: The Board has identified two, long-term affiliate organizations which can continue to promote AOI’s advocacy and historic preservation in the Committee of 100 on the Federal City and in the Historical Society of Washington, D.C./The Washington History Center;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Directors of the AOI of D.C. is authorized by the membership to establish two Donor Directed Funds to establish endowments to provide a \$10,000 per annum donation to each organization for 15 years based on the performance of its investments. The funding of these two endowments will retain sufficient funds for the AOI to operate, administratively, as it has for the past 25-plus years.

Approved the 12th day of JULY 2021.

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By: John P. Richardson

Title: Secretary