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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

National Capital Region

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Washington, D.C. 20242

IN REPLY REFER TO:

14 September 2017

Mr. Robert Haferd, et. al
Catharsis on the Mall

Dear Mr. Haferd,

We are in receipt of your email correspondence dated September 7 and 10, 2017, clarifying issues outlined in former Superintendent Vietzke September 1, 2017 letter and the meeting held on Friday, September 8, 2017.

In your letter dated August 17, 2017, you propose to use a portion of the Washington Monument Grounds sidewalk to (1) display a 45 foot sculpture with an additional 2 foot base, (2) place the sculpture on the pedestrian walkway, and (3) burn a temple with a 12 feet by 12 feet (12 x 12) diameter. As part of your letter you asked for a variance to the National Mall and Memorial Parks height restriction of 45 feet and fire size limit of 5 feet by 5 feet (5' x 5').

Consistent with the district court's ruling in *Catharsis on the Mall LLC v. Jewell*, 215 F.Supp.3d 154, (D.D.C., 2016), we are unable to issue a permit for a fire size that exceeds our existing policy.

However, after careful review of the information provided by Catharsis on the Mall your permit will reflect a one-time height variance of 1 foot 9 ⁵/₈ inches for the R-Evolution sculpture as part of the Catharsis on the Mall 2017 demonstration. The total height of the sculpture cannot exceed 46 feet 9 ⁵/₈ inches.

Please continue to work with Park Rangers Leonard Lee and Marisa Richardson to finalize the details of your demonstration.

Robbin M. Owen
Chief

Division of Permits Management