

《奥巴马购置豪华公馆以供卸任后居住》

导读:奥巴马正在购置一幢位于华盛顿街区的豪华公馆，以待自己卸任后供家人居住。



The president and his family will move into an 8,200-square-foot (790sqm), red-brick home about two miles (3.2km) from his current address after he leaves office in January.

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The Obama family still own a home in Chicago, however, the president has said he would remain in Washington until his 14-year-old daughter, Sasha, graduates from the Sidwell Friends School in 2018.

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Mr Obama's new home, which is valued around \$6m, is near Embassy Row in the Kalorama section of the district.

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But the neighbourhood is hardly star struck, as secret service remains a fixture among the tree-lined Kalorama streets.

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The president will count French ambassador Gerard Araud, the embassy of Oman and the European Union ambassador to the US as his new neighbours.

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Bart Gordon, a former Democratic congressman from Tennessee, also lives next door to the soon-to-be Obama residence.

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"I think it's a brilliant stroke for them to move here, they're surrounded by a lot of people who are still politically active," said Susan Harreld, a Kalorama resident who lives nearby.

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"It's a very family-oriented neighbourhood, which is great for Sasha, but also a very private neighbourhood."

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Mr Obama will rent the home, which is unoccupied, from Joe Lockhart, a former press secretary and senior adviser to Bill Clinton.

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Mr Lockhart and his wife, Giovanna Gray Lockhart, moved to New York City after he became the vice president of communications for the National Football League.

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Though the neighbourhood values privacy, Mrs Harreld said residents remain on a first-name basis.

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Andrew Price-Gibson added many Kalorama residents are active in the area's historical preservation initiatives such as maintaining the nearby Spanish Steps and Mitchell Park.

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"We hope they'll take part in the community," he said.

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But Mr Obama will not be the first president to reside in the prominent community.

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Woodrow Wilson, William Howard Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin D Roosevelt and Herbert Hoover also called Kalorama home at different points in their lives.

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"We pride on being a presidential neighbourhood," Mr Price-Gibson said. "So this is one more for the books."

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