



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

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RE: DC Council Bill B22-0904 – the “CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018”

Dear Councilmember Cheh and Councilmember McDuffie,

At its regular meeting on October 10, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0):

WHEREAS, the effects of human-caused climate change that we are already experiencing have thrust us into an urgent race against time to avoid catastrophic climate upheaval,

WHEREAS, Mayor Bowser committed at the North American Climate Summit in December of 2017 to reduce the city’s greenhouse gas pollution from all sources by 50% by 2032 in order to help DC to do its part in the global effort to address climate change,

WHEREAS, using fewer fossil fuels will improve public health in DC and reduce rates of asthma and other diseases,

WHEREAS, a robust coalition of more than 100 District organizations and businesses are advancing support for strong, substantive action to reduce DC’s greenhouse gas emissions and speed up the city’s transition to clean renewable energy sources,

WHEREAS, transitioning to a clean energy economy will stimulate DC job growth, increase economic opportunity, and enhance affordability and overall quality of life, and

WHEREAS, DC Council Bill B22-0904 – the “CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018,” introduced in July of 2018 and currently in the public hearings stage by the DC Council’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment and the Committee on Business and Economic Development, can deliver on greenhouse gas reduction targets and enhance energy independence and security through the following critical provisions:

- Source 100% of DC’s electricity from renewable sources by 2032, purchased from the electric grid DC operates on with most of the electricity acquired via long-term agreements (in order to sustain new renewable energy infrastructure),
- Change Pepco’s policy so that, going forward, customers will by default “opt-in” to purchasing electricity from renewable sources and have to opt-out to purchase from non-renewable sources,
- Increase the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund fee on electricity, natural gas, and home and commercial heating oil,
- Use all funds generated for programs that reduce greenhouse gas pollution in DC, with at least 20% of those funds to be directed to programs specifically targeted to assist low-income residents in reducing their energy consumption,
- Enact more stringent energy efficiency standards on buildings over 10,000 square feet,
- Provide subsidies for purchasing fuel-efficient vehicles from increased excise taxes on high-emission vehicles, and
- Authorize the Mayor to enroll and commit the District to participate in regional transportation-sector initiatives, agreements, or other accords that would further reduce or limit greenhouse gas emissions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the objectives of DC Council Bill B22-0904 – the “CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018” and urges its passage by the end of 2018.

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



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Chair