

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B** 

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RE: Proposal to Paint Storm Drains Along 17th Street NW with Murals that Support Environmental Awareness and the Neighborhood's LGBTQ Identity

Dear Associate Director Marcou and Director Wells:

At its regular meeting on June 14, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-1):

WHEREAS, the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) is committed to restoring the Anacostia River and its tributaries to swimmable and fishable condition for the health and enjoyment of everyone in the community. AWS seeks to achieve this goal by undertaking a variety of projects to build environmental awareness and engage community members, including the 17th Street Storm Drain Painting project,

WHEREAS, the goal of these murals is to both raise awareness of storm drains as a connection to our local waterways and to promote the neighborhood's LGBTQ identity,

WHEREAS, the Dupont Circle neighborhood and the District of Columbia prides themselves in not only tolerating the LGBTQ community but rather embracing the LGBTQ community and working to foster equality and inclusiveness,

WHEREAS, in recognition of the longstanding presence of LGBTQ people who live, work, and patronize businesses along 17th Street NW, former DC Mayor Adrian Fenty dedicated a section of 17th Street between P Street and R Street NW as Frank Kameny Way in honor of the late DC gay rights pioneer Frank Kameny,

WHEREAS, installing storm drain murals on Frank Kameny Way would further showcase the Dupont Circle neighborhood's and the District of Columbia's support for environmental conservation and the LGBTQ community,

WHEREAS, murals will be applied to 4 foot by 10 foot storm drains along 17th Street NW at the northeast corner of the intersections of P Street NW, Church Street NW, and Corcoran Street NW, and the southeast corner of the intersection of R Street NW, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, the District Department of Transportation, the District Department of Energy and Environment, and the Office of Planning have given their support for installing the storm drain murals on Frank Kameny Way.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the District of Columbia Government grant all appropriate permits and approvals and support the implementation of the painting of the storm drain murals on Frank Kameny Way in June and July of 2017.

Commissioners Randy Downs (<u>randy.downs@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) and Nicole Mann (<u>nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Nicole Mann Chair