



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

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RE: Proposal for the Electrification of DDOT's DC Circulator Buses

Dear Interim Director Marootian and Director Wells:

At its regular meeting on September 13, 2017, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, exhaust from diesel buses is a significant contributor to smog-creating nitrogen oxide pollution and particulate pollution,

WHEREAS, both smog and particulate pollution contribute to high levels of asthma and other respiratory problems among Washington, DC residents, including 13,981 children and 44,405 adults,

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association gives DC an "F" grade for high ozone levels tested from 2012 to 2014,

WHEREAS, as a result of the recent Volkswagen clean diesel emissions scandal, the District of Columbia will receive a \$7.5 million settlement for transportation electrification,

WHEREAS, Electric Zero Emission Buses produce no pollution at the tailpipe and, even after factoring in emissions from electricity generation, each produces up to 270,000 pounds less climate change-creating CO_{2e} pollution as compared to diesel or compressed natural gas (CNG) buses,

WHEREAS, as proven in cities like Chicago and Philadelphia, Zero Emission Buses cost less to fuel and maintain than diesel or CNG buses and have a lower lifetime cost than either diesel or CNG buses,

WHEREAS, Zero Emission Buses increase the livability of Washington, DC neighborhoods through noise and pollution reduction,

WHEREAS, the DC Circulator fleet is a highly visible and heavily used public transportation asset in DC, transporting approximately five million annual passengers, and

WHEREAS, there are three DC Circulator routes that run in ANC 2B: the Rosslyn-Dupont Circle route, the Georgetown-Union Station route, and the McPherson Square-Woodley Park route.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the DC Government make a commitment to upgrade the DC Circulator's dirty diesel buses and expand investment in proven electric buses.

Commissioners Randy Downs (randy.downs@dupontcircleanc.net), Scott Davies (2B09@anc.dc.gov), and Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Mann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann
Chair