



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

November 21, 2018

Mr. Ernest Chrappah
Director
Department of For-Hire Vehicles
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RE: Department of For-Hire Vehicles' Proposed Rulemaking on Grants for More Energy Efficient and Accessible Vehicles

Dear Director Chrappah:

At its regular meeting on November 14, 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, on October 2, 2018 the Department of For-Hire Vehicles (DFHV) issued emergency and proposed rulemakings amending Chapter 11 (Public Vehicles For-Hire Consumer Service Fund) of Title 31 (Taxicabs and Public Vehicles For Hire) of the DC Municipal Regulations,

WHEREAS, the rulemakings establish a financial assistance program that allows DFHV to offer financial assistance to owners of taxicabs for the purchase of alternative-fuel vehicles (AFVs), the purchase of wheelchair-accessible vehicles, providing fare discounts for seniors and people with disabilities, and incentivizing cabs to travel through underserved communities, and

WHEREAS, the emergency rulemaking is in effect until January 30, 2019 and DFHV seeks to adopt the proposed rulemaking as final as soon as 30 days subsequently, and comments have been requested.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the intent of these rulemakings to preserve and promote safety, welfare, and equitable access to transportation for District residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges that, rather than establishing a financial assistance program for purchasing alternative-fuel vehicles, DFHV's final rulemaking should address the more urgent problem of the inadequate number of and

access to charging stations in order to support the current cab fleet of electric vehicles in the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends clarification that assistance and incentives dispensed through this program will go only to DC-licensed taxicabs and not to for-hire vehicle hailing companies.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Daniel Warwick
Chair