



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

June 29, 2022

Mr. Wayne Turnage
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RE: Proposed Installation of a Public Restroom in Dupont Circle

Dear Deputy Mayor Turnage,

At its regular meeting on June 8, 2022, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0):

WHEREAS, access to restrooms is a vital necessity for public health and individual dignity and has been deemed a human right by the United Nations,

WHEREAS, many residents and visitors to Dupont Circle and DC have need to use a restroom when not at home or somewhere where one is not readily available,

WHEREAS, in the downtown DC area beyond the National Mall there are only five public restrooms open during the day, four of which have limited hours; there are only two public restrooms in DC open 24 hours a day – at the Lincoln Memorial and Jefferson Memorial; and private businesses increasingly restrict their restrooms to paying customers only,

WHEREAS, DC Law L22-0280 – the “Public Restroom Facilities Installation & Promotion Act of 2018” requires the DC Government to establish a working group to explore solutions to the lack of public restrooms in downtown DC, including examining feasibility of a pilot for two standalone public restrooms open 24 hours a day in high-need locations,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has previously resolved its support for public restrooms in Dupont Circle and downtown DC,

WHEREAS, the working group has identified one location on the east side of Dupont Circle at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and P Street NW, and

WHEREAS, the Dupont Circle location would require destruction of “Steve & Phil’s Garden”, which has been a neighborhood treasure since the 1990s, and would not be ideally situated for utility connections.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B welcomes and supports a public restroom pilot in the Dupont Circle area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B does not support the currently proposed location due to elimination of the garden plot that has been lovingly sustained by residents for over thirty years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B recommends that the working group considers the large, open space between the southeast corner of P Street and 20th Street NW and Dupont Circle, on the north side of the CVS, as the pilot location. This location has ample sidewalk clearances, does not conflict with any green space or structures, and should have no issues with utility connections.

Commissioners Jeffrey Rueckgauer (2B02@anc.dc.gov) and Matthew Holden (2B08@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Holden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Holden".

Matthew Holden
Chair