

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

April 7, 2009

Council Member Jack Evans Council of the District of Columbia John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 5 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Council Member Evans,

At its February 2009 public meeting, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2B) voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution in support of Council legislation providing tax credits for the purchase of trash compactors:

Whereas, trash compactors are a key line of defense against the spread of rodents and debris; and

**Whereas**, the addition of trash compactors in the Dupont Circle neighborhood has led to a marked decrease in rodent populations in the areas served by the compactors;

**Therefore**, **be it resolved** that ANC 2B commends Councilman Evans for introducing legislation to provide tax credits and other incentives for the purchase and use of trash compactors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Commission urges the Council to pass such legislation before the warmer seasons lead to a natural uptick in rodent infestations, as an incentive for business establishments to purchase and install compactors now; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chairman send a letter to Councilman Evans and the other D.C. Council Members in accordance with this resolution; and

**Be it further resolved** that in conjunction with this initiative, ANC 2B also urges the Council to call upon the Department of Public Works and the Mayor to enforce existing laws and regulations that impose fines on garbage and dumpster violations.

We hope that the Council can pass this legislation before the high season for rats, and we are particularly pleased that the legislation would provide a credit to compactors purchased during 2008, as well.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Mike Silverstein, Chairman