



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E

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ANC 5E RESOLUTION No. 2017-016 IN SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC RESTROOM FACILITIES INSTALLATION AND PROMOTION ACT OF 2017

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia is currently considering Bill 22-0223: Public Restroom Facilities Installation and Promotion Act of 2017 (hereinafter “B22-0223”); and

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E (hereinafter “ANC5E”) recognizes that that all human beings in the District of Columbia, whether they are residents, workers, tourists or other visitors need daily access to clean, safe restroom facilities; and

WHEREAS, a study conducted by the People for Fairness Coalition (PFFC) Downtown DC Public Restroom Initiative revealed that there are very few public restrooms in downtown Washington, DC; and most that do exist are not accessible late at night or early in the morning; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no public restrooms in Washington, DC, outside of the downtown commercial corridor despite the fact that there is a growing homeless population in many Washington, DC neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, if a person, who cannot find a restroom in Washington, DC, choses to relieve himself in a public space, he creates a public health hazard and subjects himself to arrest and a penalty of a fine of up to \$500 and/or up to 90 days incarceration; and

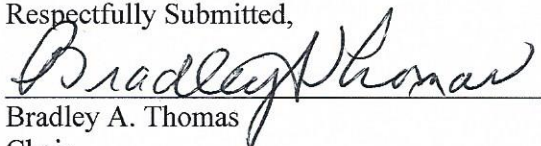
WHEREAS, most capital cities in Europe and Asia have clean, safe public restrooms that are easily accessible at any time of night or day and a number of large cities in the U.S. have begun to experiment with a variety of restroom options, including the Portland Loo and Automated Public Toilets; and

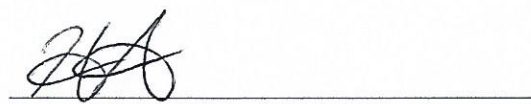
WHEREAS, ANC5E believes that any decision as to whether and where to place public restrooms in residential neighborhoods should only be made with full consultation and consent of the residents of such neighborhoods.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 5E respectfully calls on the Council to pass, and the Mayor to sign and fund B22-0223, **if and when the bill is amended** to not only direct relevant DC agencies to establish a working group to identify sites that are appropriate for installing stand-alone public restrooms and create a subsidy program for private entities to keep their restrooms open to the public, but also to establish a mechanism for neighborhood review and consideration of potential placements of stand-alone public restrooms outside of the downtown commercial corridor

THIS RESOLUTION came before ANC5E at a duly noticed and called public meeting of the Commission held at Friendship-Armstrong Public Charter School on December 19, 2017. ANC5E consists of ten (10) Commissioners, the presence of six (6) of which constitutes a quorum. On November 21, 2017, with 10 Commissioners present, by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and with 0 abstentions, ANC5E voted to adopt this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,


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