



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C

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Mayor Muriel Bowser
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington DC, 20004

sent by email attachment to eom@dc.gov

Re: Funding Public Restrooms Facilities Installation &
Promotion Act of 2018

Dear Mayor Bowser:

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on May 1, 2019, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C passed the attached resolution by a vote of 7-0-0.

Please advise if anything further is necessary.

Ted Guthrie

Chair, ANC 1C

cc: Chair Mendelson, Council Members Bonds, Grosso, Silverman, White, White, Nadeau, Evans, McDuffie, Allen, Cheh, Todd and Gray

Resolution in Support of Funding the Public Restrooms Facilities Installation & Promotion Act of 2018

WHEREAS, DC Councilmember Brianne Nadeau successfully championed the Public Restrooms Facilities Installation & Promotion Act of 2018 to authorize a working group to study and recommend up to ten (10) appropriate locations for public restrooms in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, the Public Restrooms Facilities Installation & Promotion Act of 2018 earned the support of neighboring Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2F, and 3C);

WHEREAS, public restrooms are fundamental to human dignity, and are especially critical for people who are restroom-challenged, including but not limited to:

- pregnant women;
- parents touring with young children;
- children in school;
- women experiencing an irregular menses;
- people suffering certain congenital defects;
- those with bladder cancer;
- wounded combat veterans;
- victims of abdominal or nerve trauma;
- 10 to 40% of stroke victims; and
- the elderly;

WHEREAS, public restrooms are important because some people face discrimination when trying to access private ones. According to a study by the National Coalition for the Homeless and PFFC, more than 65% of people experiencing homelessness had been discriminated against by a private business based on their housing status;

WHEREAS, studies show that public restrooms are necessary as tourists are more apt to visit commercial areas and shop if public restrooms are available;

WHEREAS, the Adams Morgan neighborhood is a tourist destination and "key destination" that meets the requirements for installing a clean, safe, stand-alone public restroom open 24/7;

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia wants to encourage residents and tourists to enjoy Adams Morgan and to bike and walk more often; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the D.C. Council fully fund the Public Restrooms Facilities Installation & Promotion Act of 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C believes that nobody should have to walk more than 5 minutes in commercial areas of Washington DC to find a clean, safe, available public restroom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C looks forward to working with the Council and the Mayor's administration on facilitating the implementation of the pilot study for public restrooms in the District of Columbia and most specifically within the boundaries of ANC 1C.