



## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C

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RE: ANC1C Resolution in Support of B22-0234

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Council of the District of Columbia:

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C (ANC 1C) passed a resolution involving B22-0234 by a vote of 6-0-0.

ANC 1C respectfully submits the attached resolution in support of B22-0234.

Sincerely,

Hector Huevo, Esq.  
Chair, ANC 1C

## **ANC 1C Resolution in Support of the Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment Act**

**WHEREAS**, the operation of gas-powered leaf blowers generates noise levels that far exceed health and safety standards and have been shown to contribute to serious environmental and public-health problems, including emissions of pollutants into the environment that greatly exceed levels produced by automobiles;

**WHEREAS**, studies document that among the populations most seriously threatened by the operation of gas-powered leaf blowers are those operating the equipment themselves, as well as those in near proximity to such operation, especially children, the elderly, and those with respiratory conditions and;

**WHEREAS**, the noise from leaf blowers can potentially damage a person's hearing, and produce health concerns such as heart disease, hypertension, and an increased risk of heart attack; and

**WHEREAS**, the wind force from the leaf blowers disturbs topsoil and other materials lying below the leaf layer dispersing spores, fungi, pollen, and chemical residue from insecticides, rodenticides, herbicides and fungicides as well as other potential allergens and particles of animal feces into the air; and

**WHEREAS**, cleaner and quieter cordless battery-powered leaf blowers are increasingly available and are being used already by some landscaping companies and homeowners with effective results and at a competitive price; and

**WHEREAS**, a bill (B22-0234) has been introduced in the D.C. City Council by Council Member Mary Cheh, co-sponsored by Council Members Anita Bonds, David Grasso, Kenyan McDuffie, and Charles Allen, to phase out the sale and operation of gas-powered leaf blowers in the District of Columbia after an adequate period for current owners and retailers of such equipment to amortize their inventories and transition to healthier and more environmentally-sustainable alternatives; and

**THEREFORE**, at a duly noticed meeting of ANC 1C, held on May 2, 2018, at which a quorum was present, and by a unanimous vote, ANC1C adds its name to endorse the enactment of B22-0234; and urges the City Council to enact B22-0234, and Mayor Muriel Boswer to sign the legislation as enacted, at the earliest practicable time.