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Chairman Phil Mendelson

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sent by email attachment to pmendelson@dccouncil.us

Dear Chair Mendelson:

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on December 4, 2019, with a quorum present, ANC 1C passed the attached resolution regarding Council Bill B23-0453, Flavored Electronic Smoking Device Prohibition Amendment Act of 2019, by a vote of 4-1-1.

Please advise if anything further is necessary.

Ted Guthrie

Chair, ANC 1C

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

Support for DC Council Bill B23-0453, known as the “Flavored Electronic Smoking Device Prohibition Amendment Act of 2019”

WHEREAS, ANC 1C represents a diverse neighborhood of both residents and businesses and welcomes community discussion in Adams Morgan, Ward 1, and D.C.; and

WHEREAS, while the youth cigarette smoking rate has dropped to a historic low of 5.8%, because of e-cigarettes’ enticing flavors, aggressive marketing, and high levels of nicotine, 27.5% of youth now use tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, E-cigarette use soared by 135 percent among high school students nationwide from 2017 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, five million middle and high school students use e-cigarettes – an increase of nearly 1.5 million over the previous year.

WHEREAS, one JUUL pod has the same level of nicotine as 20 cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, 97% of high school students that use e-cigarettes, use flavored products; and

WHEREAS, taking flavored tobacco products off the market would save lives and dramatically lower the number of young people using tobacco products in DC; and

WHEREAS, public Health, community organizations, schools, parents and students, including the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, the DC Tobacco-Free Coalition and the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids are calling on the DC Council to take action; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: ANC 1C calls upon the DC Council to take all flavored tobacco products off the market by passing DC Council Bill B23-0453 – the “Flavored Electronic Smoking Device Prohibition Amendment Act of 2019.”