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**Resolution Regarding Disruptive Overnight Construction by DC
Water and its Contractor**

WHEREAS, DC Water and its contractor Fort Myer Construction Corporation (“Fort Myer”) are currently engaged in water infrastructure projects on Connecticut Avenue and surrounding streets, including the installation of a new 12-inch water main on Connecticut Avenue NW;

WHEREAS, work is being conducted under permits granted by DDOT, including for overnight construction from 8:00 pm to 5:00 am, Monday through Thursday;

WHEREAS, the ongoing overnight construction has resulted in significant noise disturbances, including jackhammering, heavy machinery operation, and vehicle noise, which have negatively impacted the health and well-being of residents, disrupting their sleep and daily lives;

WHEREAS, ANC 3/4G residents, particularly those living on Connecticut Avenue NW and nearby streets, have voiced frustration over the nighttime noise and the impact on their health and well-being, while receiving minimal advance notice or opportunity to provide feedback;

WHEREAS, DC Water has stated that they will limit the loudest construction activities to between 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm, yet disruptive noise continued beyond 11pm and

throughout the night, and further work is planned in residential areas such as Military Road NW, Jenifer Street NW, Jocelyn Street NW, and Kanawha Street NW;

WHEREAS, Ward 3 Councilmember Matt Frumin has engaged with the community and DC Water, visiting the work site multiple times, and organized a community meeting to address residents' concerns and seek commitments from DC Water and DDOT to mitigate the impact of the ongoing work and improve community engagement and communications;

WHEREAS, the work has been delayed by inclement weather and limited nighttime work windows, causing the disruptive activities to be extended repeatedly;

WHEREAS, the ANC and residents have received entirely inadequate communication and notice of the work from DC Water, Fort Myer, and DDOT regarding the project's schedule, scope, and impacts, as well as a lack of transparency about the decision-making process behind granting overnight work permits in residential areas;

WHEREAS, residents have expressed deep frustration over the lack of responsiveness from DC Water regarding their concerns about noise, health impacts, and the absence of timely updates on the project's progress and expected completion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3/4G calls on DC Water, Fort Myer Construction, and DDOT to:

- 1. Immediately provide detailed and regular updates:** DC Water and Fort Myer must share detailed timelines, current progress reports, and any anticipated changes in the schedule directly with the ANC and impacted residents. These updates should include clear communication about delays, upcoming work, and the potential for future disruptions.
- 2. Shift as much work as possible to daytime hours:** The ANC urges DDOT to expedite the approval of daytime work permits for Fort Myer to minimize nighttime disturbances. Where daytime work is feasible, it should be prioritized to lessen the burden on residents.
- 3. Establish clear limits on loud work:** If nighttime work must continue, DC Water and Fort Myer should strictly adhere to their commitment to limit the loudest construction activities (e.g., jackhammering, heavy machinery) to between 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm, with all such activities ceasing after that time to reduce the impact on residents.
- 4. Enhance communication and transparency:** DC Water, Fort Myer, and DDOT must provide the ANC and residents with a clear explanation of the reasons for conducting nighttime work, including the rationale for the DDOT permits, and should engage directly with the community to answer questions. The ANC

requests a detailed explanation of the factors that led to the granting of overnight work permits and how future decisions will be made.

- 5. Commit to improving future notice and community engagement:** The ANC requests that DC Water, Fort Myer, and DDOT commit to providing advance notice of any future major construction projects in residential areas, especially those involving nighttime work. The community must be given ample time to provide feedback, and clear channels for resident inquiries must be established. DC Water should provide maps showing where the work will happen, and ensure the ANC and Councilmembers are properly notified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3/4G will continue to advocate on behalf of residents to ensure that DC Water, Fort Myer, and DDOT conduct this project with the least possible disruption to the community and to hold these agencies accountable for transparency, timely communication, and responsiveness to community concerns.

ADOPTED at a regular public meeting notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of six members was present on November 25, 2024, by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

Lisa Gore, Chair



Bruce Sherman, Secretary


