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RESOLUTION REGARDING BILL 22-0223:
PUBLIC RESTROOM FACILITIES INSTALLATION AND PROMOTION ACT OF 2017

October 17, 2017

WHEREAS, many individuals need access to clean, safe, available public restrooms, including tourists, families with young children, women who are pregnant, the elderly, individuals with bowel incontinence and people without housing;

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; an increasing number of establishments do not allow people to use restrooms unless they first purchase something; and in most downtown neighborhoods there are no restrooms available late at night or early in the morning;

WHEREAS, most capital cities in Europe and Asia have clean, safe public restrooms that are easily accessible at any time of night or day, while this is not the case in our Nation's Capital;

WHEREAS, 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; while in London there is a government program that provides incentives to private establishments if they put up signs indicating their restroom is open to all;

WHEREAS, if a person cannot find a restroom in DC and has no other option than to relieve themselves in a public space, the penalty is a ticket of up to \$500 or a jail term up to 90 days;

WHEREAS, in April 2017, Council Member Brianna Nadeau introduced Bill 22-0223, The Public Restroom Facilities Installation and Promotion Act of 2017, which directs relevant DC agencies to establish a working group to coordinate identifying sites that are appropriate for installing stand-alone public restrooms that are clean, safe, and open 24/7 in areas of the District with limited access to public restroom facilities and to authorize the creation of a subsidy program for private entities to keep their restrooms open to the public;

WHEREAS, the approach outlined in Bill 22-0223 is inspired by and based on lessons learned and best practices in other cities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3F lends its support to the Public Restroom Facilities

Installation and Promotion Act of 2017 that has been referred to the Committee on Transportation & Environment and the Committee on Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioners Pat Jakopchek and Naomi Rutenberg are authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 3F regarding this matter.

ANC 3F PASSED this resolution at its meeting on October 17, 2017, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.



Pat Jakopchek
Chair, ANC 3F