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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS AT  
THE VAN NESS CORRIDOR**

February 20, 2018

WHEREAS, the Van Ness corridor of Connecticut Avenue is in need of capital improvements to address a host of issues that impede smart development, compromise the safety and quality of life of residents, and damage the environment in and around Rock Creek Park; and

WHEREAS, over the past seven years, the District of Columbia has invested considerable time and resources in identifying specific measures to address the problems in Van Ness and proposing solutions in three comprehensive reports:

- Commercial Corridor Enhancement Study (2011)
- Commercial Action Strategy (2016)
- Shades of Green (2016); and

WHEREAS, ANC 3F, the community it represents, and other neighborhood groups including Van Ness Main Street, have a vital interest in the city's implementation of the projects proposed in its studies and their capacity to address matters of vital importance to our community such as:

- Mitigating costly and disruptive flooding, controlling stormwater and erosion
- Enhancing economic vibrancy
- Improving water quality in Soapstone Valley Creek and Rock Creek Park
- Inviting smart growth near the Van Ness Metro
- Improving safety, walkability and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, as stated in the Commercial District Action Strategy report "The Van Ness Commercial District has the potential to improve its retail offerings and public space, while showcasing world class sustainability measures by leveraging its substantial daytime population, accessibility, and the well-established surrounding neighborhoods." ; and

WHEREAS, Shades of Green highlights the potential of Van Ness, including: "a unique opportunity to create three separate zones within the sidewalk area:

- A gracious sidewalk zone for pedestrian movement located along the face of the building;
- An outdoor café zone;
- A plant zone for trees and ground level plantings. Infiltration areas within the planting allow water to infiltrate into the soil.”; and

WHEREAS, In order to implement these studies, funding of \$10 million is required and should be added to DDOT’s Capital Budget, with funding to commence in 2019.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3F urges the District of Columbia to allocate \$10 million toward implementing low impact development streetscape improvements at Van Ness, to commence in 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3F urges the District of Columbia to appoint appropriate contacts at DDOT and DOEE to work with ANC 3F and Van Ness Main Street to ensure that community stakeholders continue to be represented in the implementation process;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioner Jakopchek is authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 3F regarding this matter.

ANC 3F   PASSED   this resolution at its meeting on February 20, 2018, 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