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**Resolution in Support of DC Council and Mayoral Review of Leaf Blower Regulation**  
[April 17, 2018]

WHEREAS,

The operation of certain leaf blowers contributes to high and unacceptable levels of noise and air pollution emissions and may create a nuisance for operators of the leaf blowers and the residents of ANC3F.

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.

WHEREAS,

The adoption and enforcement of leaf blower regulations can best be accomplished through performance-based (technology neutral) standards, based on scientific studies that support acceptable noise levels measured on appropriate decibel criteria.

WHEREAS,

Section 209(e) of the federal Clean Air Act preempts the adoption and enforcement of standards or other requirements relating to the control of emissions from new and in-use nonroad engines, including leaf blowers.

WHEREAS,

Concerns have been raised regarding the availability of properly-sized and cost-effective leaf blowers that would ensure that landscapers of varying economic means are able to purchase and retain their investments for the useful life of the equipment and for the scope of jobs performed.

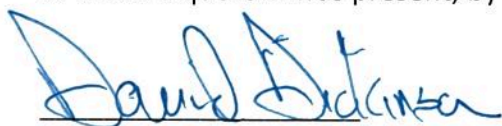
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 3F:

1. Supports the DC Council and Mayoral review and adoption of performance-based leaf blower regulations that address an acceptable public health issue of noise from leaf blowers.
2. Recommends to the DC Council the development of a legislative record that identifies acceptable noise ranges for leaf blowers, regardless of the fuel source or technology.

3. Recommends to the DC Council that an economic evaluation be performed of any leaf blower ban (based on use or purchase restrictions) to ensure that undue harm is not inflicted on lower income owners and operators.
4. Recommends to the DC Council that an exploration of funding mechanisms be performed to assist lower income owners and operators of leaf blowers that are unduly harmed by a DC leaf blower restriction.
5. Recommends to the DC Council identify and adequately fund appropriate enforcement mechanisms to implement the leaf blower regulations.

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

ANC 3F passed this resolution at its meeting on April 17, 2018, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.



David Dickinson  
Vice Chair, ANC 3F