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**ANC 3F Resolution Urging DOEE to Require DC Water to Obtain an Air Quality Permit
for the Sewer Repair and Rehabilitation Project in Soapstone Valley Park**

WHEREAS, DC Water has undertaken site preparation to rehabilitate 6,200 linear feet of sewer pipes and 22 sanitary manholes, and to repair 2 impaired stormwater outfalls in Soapstone Valley Park (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, Hazardous chemicals, including Volatile Organic Compounds (“VOCs”), endocrine disruptors and carcinogens, will be emitted during the Cured-in-Place-Pipe (“CIPP”) hot water process selected by DC Water to carry out the Project;

WHEREAS, regulated air pollutants will be emitted into the open air (impacting ambient air quality) and into the lateral sewer lines that connect to buildings adjacent to Soapstone Valley Park (impacting indoor air quality);

WHEREAS, trucks idling for approximately 5 to 8 hours during each work day in Soapstone Valley Park will release diesel emissions into the ambient air;

WHEREAS, it is well known that the release of VOCs, other hazardous chemicals and diesel emissions can have serious, adverse consequences on human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Department of Energy and Environment (“DOEE”), by letter dated April 12, 2022 and attached hereto has expressed concerns to DC Water about the foregoing risks in connection with the Project.

Therefore, and in light of the foregoing,

ANC 3F urges DOEE to require DC Water to obtain an air quality permit *prior* to proceeding with the Project in order to protect the health and safety of individuals in and around Soapstone Valley Park (including Project workers). In particular, ANC 3F urges DOEE to require a permit that prescribes an emissions monitoring and testing for:

1. Ambient air quality, due to VOCs, chemical and diesel emissions into the open air
2. Indoor air quality, due to VOCs and chemical emissions via lateral sewer lines

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

ANC 3F approved this resolution at its meeting on May 17, 2022, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.



Commissioner Claudette David
Chair, ANC 3F