



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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RE: Neighborhood's Rat Issues

Dear Director Carter, Mr. Brown, Ms. Shank, and Mr. Sternlieb,

On July 5, 2022 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by five commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

WHEREAS, although ANC 2E understands that the presence of rats and other rodents is inevitable in an urban environment, in recent months the ANC has observed an alarming increase in the incidence of rodent activity throughout our neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2E has also noted a discouraging lack of diligence with respect to the proper management of trash and other rodent food sources on the part of both businesses and residents in the ANC.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. ANC 2E encourages both businesses and residents to carefully comply with all regulations governing how trash and trash receptacles are to be handled, including regulations that prohibit leaving trash cans on public space at any

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time other than on days that are designated for pick up. Those regulations provide, among other things, that:

- a. all solid waste must be placed in a container of a design and manufacture approved by the Mayor "...in a manner that will not provide food, harborage, or breeding places for...rodents..." (Leaving solid waste in plastic bags on the curb or placing bags containing solid waste in public trash receptacles are violations of the regulations.)
- b. trash and recycling containers must be placed for collection on private property adjacent to alleys, or, if the residence does not abut an alley, on public space between the residence and the curb line of the street no earlier than 6:30 pm the night before collection and no later than 6:00 am on collection day. Trash and recycling containers must be removed from public space by no later than 8:00 pm on collection day. (It should be noted that in many places in Georgetown public space extends all the way to the front foundation of the house.)

2. ANC 2E also encourages the Department of Public Works (DPW):

- a. to emphasize enforcement of regulations concerning trash handling and container storage, including, where appropriate, the issuance of citations to both residents and businesses, and
- b. to increase the frequency of service of public trash receptacles, with particular emphasis on receptacles in the vicinity of establishments that sell food for take-out.

3. ANC 2E asks the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID), the Georgetown Business Association (GBA), and Georgetown Main Street (GMS) to emphasize to their members the importance of complying with all relevant regulations and properly managing trash and trash containers.

Commissioner Rick Murphy (2E03@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, ANC 2E