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**RESOLUTION OF ENDORSEMENT OF BILL 22-0223: PUBLIC RESTROOM
FACILITIES INSTALLATION AND PROMOTION ACT OF 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; and

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; and

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; and

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; and

WHEREAS in April 2017, Council Member Brianne 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 identify 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;

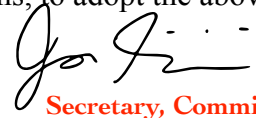
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 1B lends its support to the Public Restroom Facilities Installation and Promotion Act of 2017 that has been referred to the Committee on Transportation & Environment and the Committee on Health.

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Certification:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 11 present at its December 7, 2017 meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted, with 11 Yeas, 0 Nays and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.


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