



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3C**  
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November 14, 2016

Dear Ms. Mattavous-Frye,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (ANC 3C) has received complaints from residents regarding gas work in neighborhoods that has not been properly and timely noticed to residents. We understand that Washington Gas is replacing couplings to gas mains and that this work entails noisy and disruptive construction. It is essential that residents be forewarned of scheduled work so that they can plan to move parked cars and arrange their schedules during the work period. The ANC 3C urges the People's Counsel to meet with Washington Gas and press the importance of consistent notice requirements that announce work no more than 2 weeks in advance. Notices distributed months in advance of work are not proper notices.

In addition, ANC 3C is concerned that Washington Gas is contacting residents in the Cleveland Park and Woodley Park Historic Districts about the location of household gas meters. Many of the meters are currently installed inside homes and Washington Gas would like to relocate them on the exterior of the home. While we have no objection to moving the meters outside the home, we believe it is very important to install the meters on the side of the house, whenever possible, so as not to detract from the significant front façade architecture in historic districts. Washington Gas is not giving residents this option and is, in fact, stating that the only option is relocating the meter to the front of the home.

We understand that Washington Gas has special construction protocols for the Georgetown Historic District but the company is not using those protocols in other DC historic districts. No distinction should be made between a federal and a local historic district when it comes to treatment of front facades. There is no other instance when construction is treated differently in the Georgetown Historic District than in Cleveland Park or Woodley Park Historic Districts. Gas meters are large, prominent devices that in many instances cover or damage architectural features and the integrity of the appearance of front facades. No homeowner would purposefully add mechanical equipment, like a gas meter, to the front of a home, and the ANC strongly objects to Washington Gas assuming it can install these devices wherever it wants and for its convenience only. The ANC 3C urges the People's Counsel to work with Washington Gas to develop appropriate construction protocols for DC historic districts or to extend the Georgetown

protocols to all DC historic districts, and to prohibit the company from using front facades of any residence as the default location for its large meters.

If you have any questions or would like additional comments from ANC 3C, please contact Nancy MacWood at 202-966-5333 or [nmacwood@gmail.com](mailto:nmacwood@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C May".

Catherine May  
Vice-Chairman, ANC3C

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