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## **ANC 3C Resolution 2023-004** **Regarding the Creation of an Environmental Justice Committee**

**WHEREAS**, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (ANC 3C or Commission) recognizes that local government must address climate change and protect and restore the natural environment through public education and public action at the neighborhood level;

**WHEREAS**, addressing climate change and protecting and restoring the natural environment are top policy priorities of the administration of Mayor Muriel Bowser to “make the District of Columbia the healthiest, greenest, most livable city for all District residents<sup>1</sup>,”

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia’s Sustainable DC 2.0 plan explicitly calls for more engagement at the neighborhood level on policies relevant to climate, energy, nature, and waste, among other topics, and emphasizes the need for “community-wide education on the benefits and importance of sustainability<sup>2</sup>,” including actions District residents can take to protect our natural environment;

**WHEREAS**, ANC 3C acknowledges that being located in an affluent area of the District of Columbia is a privilege and comes with the responsibility to prioritize equity and justice in its work, in this case contributing towards the District’s goal, also stated in Sustainable DC 2.0, of “ensuring that residents in less affluent communities equally enjoy the benefits of a healthier, greener, more livable city<sup>3</sup>,”

**WHEREAS**, ANC 3C recognizes the benefits of educating District residents both in its jurisdiction and across the city about opportunities to enjoy public spaces in ANC 3C that protect and preserve the natural environment, as well as about public services offered by the District that benefit the natural environment in our neighborhood, city, and beyond;

**WHEREAS**, ANC 3C encompasses federally protected public lands such as sections of Rock Creek Park (including the Klinge Valley Trail, Reservation 630 trail, and Rock Creek Trail) and the Smithsonian National Zoological Park; and other valued neighborhood green spaces open to and enjoyed by the public, such as the National Cathedral grounds, Rosedale Conservancy, Tregaron Conservancy, and Woodland-Normanstone Terrace Park;

**WHEREAS**, residents of ANC 3C have expertise in a variety of fields relevant to environmental justice and are an excellent resource for community members to learn from;

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<sup>1</sup> p. 5 of PDF: <https://sustainable.dc.gov/sdc2>

<sup>2</sup> p. 63 of PDF: <https://sustainable.dc.gov/sdc2>

<sup>3</sup> p. 26 of PDF: <https://sustainable.dc.gov/sdc2>

**WHEREAS**, ANC 3C is fortunate to include diplomatic representations of foreign countries that are eager to share their best practices in relevant public policy approaches;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 3C establishes an Environmental Justice Committee as a standing committee;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Environmental Justice Committee is tasked with the following:

- To act as a platform for public education and discussion about environmental justice by drawing on the expertise and experience of community members with policies relevant to climate, energy, nature, waste, and other pertinent topics;
- To organize opportunities for the community to participate in direct action that benefits the natural environment in ANC 3C, such as community clean-ups in public spaces;
- To help community members understand relevant District policies and the public services made available by the District government for taking action at the individual level, such as composting and recycling programs;
- To make recommendations to the Commission, and to the District as a whole, on policies that have an impact on the natural environment in the neighborhood;
- To explore opportunities for collaboration with other ANCs across the District on matters relevant to environmental justice.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Roric McCorristin, Commissioner for SMD 3C04, shall be the Chair of the Environmental Justice Committee of ANC 3C for the Commission year 2023/24.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Committee Chair shall appoint, with the approval of the Commission, additional members of the Committee.

**Attested by**



Janell Pagats  
Chair, on February 22, 2023

*This resolution was approved by voice vote on February 22, 2023, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.*