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**ANC 3/4G Supplemental Testimony Before the
Committee on Facilities and Procurement
Performance Oversight Hearing on the
Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions
January 31, 2020**

Chairperson White and members of the Committee on Facilities and Procurement, I am Randy Speck, Chair of ANC 3/4G (Chevy Chase), and I am supplementing the testimony that I gave to the Committee at its January 30, 2020 oversight hearing for the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC). This supplemental testimony is to clarify the earlier testimony in light of the testimony of the OANC's Executive Director, Gottlieb Simon.

On November 3, 2019, Director Simon wrote to ANC chairs, "Are you available for a Chairpersons' meeting on either Thursday, November 21, or Monday, November 25? Issues for the meeting would include: the outreach/engagement app, code of conduct for ANCs, priorities for 2020, and legislation impacting ANCs and/or OANC." I responded that day advising Director Simon that I had a public meeting of the ANC's Comprehen-

sive Plan Task Force (which I chair) on November 21, 2019, and the ANC's regularly scheduled public meeting on November 25, 2019. I heard nothing further from Mr. Simon about what transpired at any chairs meeting until his testimony on January 30, 2020.

The key fact is that there is not yet any tangible progress toward using the funds that the Committee and the Council appropriated to improve commissioners' ability to communicate and interact with their constituents. Other commissioners and I have been and continue to be willing to assist in defining the technological capabilities that we need. Any vendor that can provide those capabilities at a price within the appropriated amount would be a reasonable choice.

We look forward to working with OANC and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer on this project, but the first step should be scheduling a meeting with the two agencies and a representative group of commissioners — the initial meeting that we've sought since June 2019. Consistent with the Chief Technology Officer's testimony at the Committee on Government Operation's oversight hearing, we now expect that meeting to be held in "early February," though it has not yet been scheduled.

Thank you.