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By Electronic Mail

July 12, 2022,

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

As you are aware, on July 5, 2022, the Council held a public roundtable on the proposed resolution for the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan, which was prepared by the D.C. Office of Planning in furtherance of the Comprehensive Plan. After the public hearing, the Council published the draft resolution, several attachments to the resolution, and written witness testimony.

One of the public witnesses who testified on July 5, 2022, Mara Verheyden-Hilliard, submitted written testimony during the public comment period that included comments from ANC 3/4G's Racial and Social Equity Standing (RASE) Committee¹ (subhead 1). We are writing to advise you that Verheyden-Hilliard's submission of RASE Committee comments was not authorized by our Commission, were unknown to the RASE committee and, in fact, violated the ANCs by-laws.

Per ANC 3/4G's by-laws², committees are advisory only and are prohibited from acting on behalf of the Commission, or representing their recommendations as official

¹ See section IX, Attachments, page 65

² (2022). Retrieved 12 July 2022, from https://anc3g.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/By-Laws-2021-v.Final_.pdf

Commission policy to others, without having obtained formal authorization of the Commission. In this instance, Verheyden-Hilliard did not have the consent of the Commission to present RASE's statement to the Council. Given these circumstances, I ask that you and the Council disregard Verheyden-Hilliard's submission of RASE's statement. Her personal testimony should be allowed to remain, however, she did not have the authority to submit any statements and, if possible, include this letter in the official record.

The Commission understands that the official record closed yesterday at 5:00 p.m., however, given the unusual circumstances surrounding the submission of RASE's comments, It is our hope that the Commission's request to disregard the RASE submission and include this letter in the official record is given the Council's full consideration. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa R. Gore". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Lisa R. Gore
Chair, ANC 3/4G

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