

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO WASHINGTON GAS PROJECTpipes

Whereas: Washington Gas Light Company is continuing a 40-year gas pipeline replacement plan named Projectpipes with the goal of replacing nearly all of the gas infrastructure in the District of Columbia with a total estimated cost of \$4.5 billion to be paid by gas customers in the form of a gas rate surcharge;

Whereas: Washington Gas has put Phase 3 of PROJECTpipes before the DC Public Service Commission, seeking approval for spending \$671.8 million for Phase 3 of PROJECTpipes;

Whereas: The District of Columbia has set goals that include carbon neutrality by 2045 and a 50% reduction in per-capita energy use by 2032;

Whereas: Plans to rebuild Washington Gas' infrastructure to its previous level of use are incompatible with the energy and climate goals of the city, and if implemented will likely result in massive overinvestment, much or most of which will be abandoned if climate and energy goals are met, wasting potentially billions of dollars from ratepayers and potentially taxpayers;

Whereas: Climate change and atmospheric warming is a human-caused phenomenon primarily due to the continued combustion of fossil fuels and emission of other greenhouse gases, including methane from natural gas lines and facilities;

Whereas: Current DC energy consumption includes a 28% contribution from natural gas, a fossil fuel;

Whereas: The consequences of climate change are already causing hardship and economic losses at a rate greater than predicted less than 10 years ago;

Whereas: Mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions will require the efforts of individuals, governments and corporations;

Whereas: ANC 3B supports the city's energy and climate goals, and opposes wasteful spending that will keep the District locked into using methane fuels for decades to come;

Therefore: It is resolved that ANC 3B opposes funding Phase 3 of Washington Gas' PROJECTpipes and urges the Public Service Commission to require Washington Gas to revise its pipeline investment project (PROJECTpipes Phase 3) to focus on remediation of leaking

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infrastructure, rather than wholesale replacement of all gas pipelines; and to scale new investment to match the city's energy and climate goals; and

It is further resolved that the DC Council should direct and oversee the Public Service Commission's work to ensure that it is compatible with the city's energy and climate goals.

This resolution of support authorizes Commissioner Kevin Carroll (ANC3B-04) or his designee to represent the Commission in this matter.

This Resolution was APPROVED by a vote of 5-0 at a duly noticed public meeting of ANC3B on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at which a quorum was present. (A quorum is 4 of the 6 sitting members.)



Jackie Blumenthal, Chair



Melissa Lane, Secretary