ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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October 8, 2026

RE: Letter in Support of DC Water's Solar Proposal at the Fort Reno Reservoir/Pumping Station

Dear Stakeholders,

On behalf of ANC3E, I am writing in support of DC Water's proposal to install a solar project at their Fort Reno Reservoir/Pump Station located on a ~2.5-acre property at De Russey Street and Donaldson Place, NW.

The site is a fully fenced property, occupied by DC Water's Fort Reno Reservoir and associated facilities, and all solar facilities will be installed within the existing fencing.

The proposed solar project would be built above and around the reservoir and surrounding DC Water buildings with some panels installed on the reservoir roof itself and some ground mounted.

DC Water proposes installing approximately 1,200 solar panels which are expected to generate about 640 kW AC (733.37 kW DC) of solar capacity.

A portion of the solar installation will provide electricity to offset DC Water's electricity use at the site, reducing its operating costs and benefiting DC Water ratepayers. The remainder will provide electricity to residents of Washington, DC, through the District's Community Solar Program. If feasible, DC Water also intends to work with the Department of Energy and Environment to make the project a Solar for All Program site serving low-to-moderate income (LMI) households.

The project site is adjacent to the 26-acre Fort Reno Park which is National Park Service (NPS) land; DC Water has been consulting with the NPS regarding the project since late 2025.

The Project also includes rehabilitation of the green roof on top of the reservoir (currently in poor condition) and replacement of the current chain link fence abutting Fort Reno Park with an improved metal slat fence.

In addition to ANC 3E, we understand that DC Water has begun initial consultations regarding the project with the Tenleytown Historical Society, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Commission on Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission,

Given the importance of generating more of the District's electricity from clean, local resources, the fact that the solar project will reduce DC Water's operations costs to the benefit of DC Water ratepayers, and the potential for community solar energy to reduce the energy burdens of District households, we support this project.

This letter was authorized by a vote of 0-0-0 at a public properly noticed meeting held on October 8, 2026, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, Cohen, Gianinno, Hall, Mitchell, and Quinn in attendance.

If you have any questions or I can provide further information, please contact me at jmitchell4400@gmail.com or by phone at 202-680-0445.

Sincerely,

John Mitchell
Commissioner, ANC3E05