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Re: Request to Expand eBike Authorized Vendor List

Dear Councilmember Allen:

At a properly noticed general meeting on May 14, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 8-0-0, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to submit the following request.

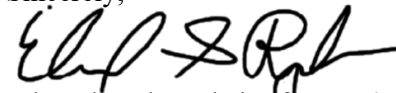
We write about the electric bicycle voucher program, which currently limits the use of vouchers to businesses with a physical brick and mortar retail location in the District.

While we support the intent of this restriction, to prevent national retailers from participating at the expense of local businesses, we note that some exceptions may be necessary to include District companies that do not have a physical location, such as the Bike Werks Mobile Bike Shop that is a part of the Eastern Market community on weekends.

We urge you to consider appropriate legislative remedies to ensure that the program maintains its focus on supporting local bike shops without restricting those that may not have a permanent physical location.

Thank you in advance for considering. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B