



At a properly noticed general meeting on April 8, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 9-0-0 to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in January, 2024, the DC Public Library (DCPL) began renovating its Southeast branch at 403 7th St., SE, and

WHEREAS, the new Southeast library will not require a gas-service connection, and

WHEREAS, the new Southeast library will need to discharge stormwater into new manholes within the current storm-sewer pathway, and

WHEREAS, when DCPL was planning and budgeting for the renovation, Washington Gas provided record drawings that showed its gas pipes would not conflict with that storm-sewer pathway, and

WHEREAS, DCPL made plans and prepared a budget based on Washington Gas's record drawings, and

WHEREAS, repeatedly, and as recently as January, 2025, and completely unrelated to the library renovation, Washington Gas has had to perform emergency gas-leak repairs, suggesting that Washington Gas would need in any event to replace its pipes near the renovation site, and

WHEREAS, well after DCPL's renovation project began, Washington Gas revealed that, contrary to the record drawings it had previously provided DCPL, its existing gas line actually lacks adequate separation from the storm-sewer main, and must be moved, and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2025, Washington Gas provided DCPL with a cost estimate of \$428,476 for replacing and relocating its old gas line, the one that in its current location would interfere with the new library's sewer connection--the same gas line that, because of its age and condition, needs replacement anyway, and

WHEREAS, Washington Gas insists that DCPL pay to replace and relocate Washington Gas's old gas line before Washington Gas will start that work, and

WHEREAS, within the approved budget for Southeast library renovation, DCPL cannot pay for replacing and relocating Washington Gas's old pipes without reducing the scope of the long-planned Southeast library renovation, and

WHEREAS, work to replace and relocate those old pipes must begin by early May 2025 without delaying the completion of the library renovation, and

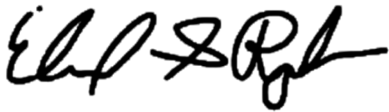
WHEREAS, any delay will both increase the eventual cost of the project and further deprive ANC 6B residents of access to its neighborhood library, access residents already have not had since January 2024 THEREFORE,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 6B

1. Calls on Washington Gas to do the right thing, and itself pay to relocate and replace its old gas pipes, and
2. Urges Mayor Bowser, Councilmember Allen, and other members of the DC Council to work with DCPL, ANC 6B, the DC Public Service Commission, and Washington Gas to arrange for Washington Gas to fund relocation and replacement of its own pipes, and to begin that work by early May 2025.

ON BEHALF OF ANC 6B

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Ryder". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Edward Ryder
Chair, ANC 6B