



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E

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ANC5E RESOLUTION No. 2017-003

IN SUPPORT of FUNDING for the Harry Thomas Recreation Center
(located at 1743 Lincoln Road, NE, in the Ward 5 Eckington community)

WHEREAS, the Harry Thomas Recreation Center is home to a new \$1.2 million dollar playground (2015) and is one of the few centers in the city with an outdoor swimming pool; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of a recreation center is to provide programs and services to promote health and wellness and activities that strengthen the community; and

WHEREAS, exercise Improves one's quality of life by relieving stress, assisting in maintaining a healthy weight, improving brain function, and is great for the cardiovascular system; and

WHEREAS, the Harry Thomas Recreation Center is totally underutilized by the Eckington community, due to lack of programming for children, adults and seniors, safety concerns, and Inadequate staffing; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Parks and Recreation are installing a bike share at the recreation center in hopes of attracting more residents to the site; and

WHEREAS, the Department of General Services and the Department of Parks and Recreation are performing ADA accessibility upgrades to the Harry Thomas Recreation Center. The upgrades will provide additional access to disabled residents and make there visits to the center an easier and more enjoyable experience.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5E (ANC5E), hereby **requests that the Council of the District of Columbia approve and support the request that the sum of \$250,000 be included in the budget for fiscal year 2018 to fund** programming, staff (instructors) and equipment at the Harry Thomas Recreation Center for Zumba, weight strengthening, aerobics, Pilates or a yoga class, six days per week, during and throughout said fiscal year as well as several out years.

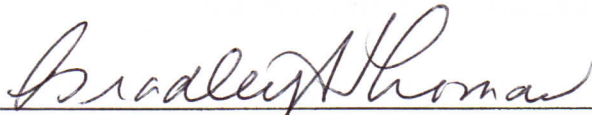
THIS RESOLUTION came before Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 5E (ANC5E) at a duly noticed and called public meeting of the Commission held at Friendship-Armstrong Public Charter School on March 21, 2017. Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 5E (ANC5E) consists of ten



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(10) Commissioners, the presence of six (6) of which constitutes a quorum. On March 21, 2017, with 9 Commissioners present, by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 opposed and with 0 abstentions, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 5E (ANC5E) voted to adopt this resolution and to forward it to the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia for their consideration.



Bradley A. Thomas, Chair-ANC5E



Horacio Sierra, Recording Secretary-ANC5E