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BY E-MAIL

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RE: Renovation of Harrison Street Substation Façade

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I write on behalf of ANC 3E to commend PEPCO for its proposal to renovate the Harrison Street substation's façade.

The broad windows of the substation have been bricked over for almost 70 years, and the wooden door has been covered with a metal grate security door. Moreover, the brick façade has remained perpetually dirty.

ANC 3E commissioners have pressed PEPCO in recent years to improve the substation's appearance, and with this proposal PEPCO staff has come through for the community. You propose to clean the substation and place murals over the bricked windows during the substation's modernization. After the modernization is completed, you propose to remove the metal security door, replace the bricks in the window with glass, and turn the immediate interior into an illuminated gallery for community art.

ANC 3E believes these changes will greatly enhance the streetscape, replacing blight with light and color.

We urge PEPCO to move as quickly as possible to install murals and implement other temporary improvements, and we look forward to the completion of the permanent improvements.

We respectfully ask PEPCO to ensure, to the extent possible, that framing for the windows, and materials for other appurtenant structures, are consistent with those used during the era in which the substation was built. We ask also that PEPCO work with the ANC and the community on the details of programming for the gallery space.

Thank you for the effort you have put into this project. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding it.

ANC 3E authorized me to write this letter by motion approved 4-0-0 at a properly noticed meeting at which a quorum was present.

Sincerely,

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Chair, ANC 3E

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