



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

May 2, 2023

Councilmember Charles Allen
Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: DC Council’s Budget Oversight Hearing for DC Water

Dear Councilmember Allen,

At its regular meeting on April 19, 2023, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of nine commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (7-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Courtney and seconded by Commissioner Patel, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, better known as DC Water, has received federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA),

WHEREAS, Snow's Court is a historic dwelling that was founded on Lot 1 of Square 28 within Foggy Bottom's primarily industrial district in the year 1858, the lot itself being situated between 24th Street NW, 25th Street NW, I Street NW, and K Street NW, intersecting with New Hampshire Avenue NW, as indicated by the empty lot in the bottom right-hand corner of the square indicated in Boschke's map of Washington City in 1857¹,

WHEREAS, Snow’s Court has been designated as historic and is one of the few alleys to survive a deliberate and methodical eradication of alley dwellings in DC,

WHEREAS, Snow's Court remains consistent in fulfilling its intended purpose to serve as homes for the citizens of Foggy Bottom,

WHEREAS, many issues have plagued the residents of Snow’s Court since 2007, including:

- sewage flooding into residents’ homes,

¹ Borchert, James (1982). *Alley Life in Washington: Family, Community, Religion and Folklife in the City, 1850- 1970*. Champaign, IL: University of Illinois. ISBN 9780252010033.



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- water and sewage lines repaired incorrectly,
- water lines leaking, causing dwelling foundations to sink into the ground,
- concrete feeling spongy, which is an indication of water pooling due to a line leak and/or breakage,

WHEREAS, the above issues represent a crisis of great magnitude as residents of nearly twenty homes face a multitude of issues that endanger their homes due to water and sewage infrastructure issues, and

WHEREAS, DC Water is the agency that has the responsibility to ensure that DC residents have safe drinking water and that sewage is properly managed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests the DC Council’s reallocation of funding to repair the water infrastructure underneath Snow’s Court in order to protect residents.

Commissioners Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) and Jim Malec (2A02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Jim Malec
Vice Chairperson