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RESOLUTION

Calling for Utility Forecasting That Protects Residential Ratepayers

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On Oct. 22, 2026, Commissioner Brad Howard (1E01) introduced the following resolution for consideration by Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E:

WHEREAS, Utility investments and multiyear rate plans shape household bills for years, making realistic forecasts and residents' future ability to pay essential to responsible planning; and

WHEREAS, Uncertain demand from data centers and other large commercial projects creates a risk that residents will pay for infrastructure built for demand that never materializes; and

WHEREAS, Bill 26-0704, the "Public Trust in Utility Regulation Act of 2026," would strengthen oversight through public disclosure of proposed utility capital projects and regular utility audits; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E supports enactment of Bill 26-0704 to help residents and policymakers assess whether utility investments and the costs passed on to customers are justified; and

RESOLVED, That ANC 1E urges the Council of the District of Columbia and the Public Service Commission ("PSC") to give residents' future ability to pay the same serious consideration as utilities' forecasts of future costs when evaluating multiyear rate plans, including the cumulative burden on households least able to absorb higher bills; and

RESOLVED, That ANC 1E calls for realistic demand forecasts and for large commercial customers to bear the costs and financial risks properly attributable to their projects, protecting residents from subsidizing speculative development; and

RESOLVED, That ANC 1E urges the PSC to explain publicly how its decisions protect affordability and allocate costs fairly, and supports the Office of the People's Counsel's advocacy for these principles in District, regional, and federal proceedings; and

RESOLVED, That ANC 1E authorizes Commissioner Brad Howard (1E01) to represent the Commission in matters relating to this resolution, including through testimony, written comments, and other advocacy. If Commissioner Howard is unavailable, the Chair may designate another Commissioner.

CERTIFIED**,** that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E, on Oct. 28, 2026, at a properly noticed regular meeting of the Commission, with a quorum present, adopted this resolution with unanimous consent.

COMMISSIONER JOSH JACOBSON
CHAIR, ANC 1E

COMMISSIONER BRAD HOWARD
SECRETARY, ANC 1E