



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Timothy Spriggs
Director
Department of Public Works
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RE: Improvement to DPW Leaf Collection Process

Dear Director Spriggs,

On September 29, 2025, ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

Due to both concerning on-the-ground results and numerous missed pick-ups along the 2024 leaf collection routes, plus follow-up dialog with Department of Public Works (DPW) and Ward 2 Council, ANC 2E identified three improvements to the city leaf collection process that are very much needed. ANC 2E outlined these three improvements in a January 2025 resolution to DPW: [ANC 2E DPW Leaf Collection Improvements Final](#). Each of the three improvements is straightforward to implement, and ANC 2E provided a detailed rationale for each.

The three are:

1. DPW picking up environmentally-friendly brown paper bags filled with leaves — versus making residents needing to call 311 to ask for pick-up.
2. Training the collection team to vacuum all leaves on the curb, and leaves in the tree boxes.
3. Having tools and staff capable of covering/accounting for misses or delays in collection plans.

ANC 2E urges Ward 2 Council to ensure ANC 2E receives a response on whether DPW will incorporate these three improvements in the 2025 leaf collection. Our city sewers cannot absorb pounds of leaves, and our sidewalks must be safe and accessible.

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If DPW is not making these improvements for 2025, we ask Ward 2 Council to (1) ensure DPW explains why and (2) have Council staff take the lead in addressing missed or concerning ANC 2E on-the-ground leaf collection issues.

Commissioner Gwendolyn Lohse (2E06@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gwendolyn Lohse", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Gwendolyn Lohse
Chair, ANC 2E

CC: Brianne Nadeau, Councilmember, Ward 1
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