

WARD 3 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RENOMINATION OF SANDRA MATTAVOUS-FRYE AS THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

PASSED BY ACCLAMATION ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 BY THE WARD 3 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

WHEREAS: The Office of the People's Counsel (OPC or the Office) is an independent agency of the District of Columbia government (District or DC).

By law, the Office advocates for consumers of natural gas, electric, water and telephone services. The Office represents the interests of District utility ratepayers before the DC Public Service Commission, the DC Water Board, federal regulatory bodies, and the courts.

The Office's mandate is to advocate the provision of quality utility service and equitable treatment at rates that are just, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory; to assist individual consumers in disputes with utility companies about billing or services; and to provide technical assistance and consumer education to lay advocates and community groups.

Sandra Mattavous-Frye has served the ratepayers and residents of the District of Columbia, with distinction in her three terms as the People's Counsel (the head of OPC).

Ms. Mattavous-Frye has served as People's Counsel since 2011 when she was appointed by Mayor Vincent Gray and unanimously confirmed by the DC Council, after serving as Deputy People's Counsel, Director of Litigation, and Energy Section Trial Supervisor at OPC.

Ms. Mattavous-Frye's third term officially ended on June 30, 2023, though she is permitted to continue in the position through December 31, 2023. Ms. Mattavous-Frye is now up for re-appointment for another term, and has expressed interest in continuing to serve.

In her time as People's Counsel, Ms. Mattavous-Frye and her staff have zealously represented ratepayers at the PSC and other bodies.

Under the leadership of Ms. Mattavous-Frye, OPC has expanded opportunities for consumer education and extended its outreach to customers throughout the District. OPC has established an Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Section to increase consumers' awareness of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable energy options. In 2015 OPC sponsored the first of its kind consumer energy symposium to connect residents with notable energy and technology experts to learn how to better utilize energy resources and save money, and continued with similar forums. In spring 2023 OPC held its first Youth Climate Summit.

Ms. Mattavous-Frye has organized an active Utility Consumer Advocate Network to hear from a broad range of consumer interests and share information across neighborhoods, faith communities, consumer and environmental groups.

Ms. Mattavous-Frye has received numerous awards for her outstanding performance and dedication. In 2013 she received the University of the District of Columbia Advocate for Justice Award. In 2016 she received the State Regulatory Practitioner Award from the Energy Bar Association for demonstrated professional competence in energy law throughout her career. In 2018 she received the Outstanding Citizens Award from the DC Federation of Citizens Associations. She is the 2021 recipient of the "Robert F. Manifold Lifetime Service Award," the highest honor awarded by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates.

NOW THEREFORE: It is hereby resolved by the Ward Three Democratic Committee of the District of Columbia that the Ward Three Democratic Committee:

1. Enthusiastically supports the re-nomination of Sandra Mattavous-Frye for the position of People's Counsel because of her outstanding service; and
2. Authorizes the Chair of the Ward 3 Democratic Committee and his designees to take all reasonable actions to implement this resolution.