

**Ward Three Democratic Committee**  
**Resolution of Support for the Reappointment of**  
**Richard Beverly as Commissioner to DC's Public Service Commission**  
**March 18, 2021**

Whereas, the District of Columbia's Public Service Commission ("PSC" or "Commission") has the authority and responsibility to regulate rates, oversee maintenance and investment as well as operational reliability, safety, environmental performance, and other significant substantial matters involving public utility services for the District of Columbia;

Whereas, all public utilities serving DC residents provide important and essential services such as electric power, natural gas, and communication (including voice, data, and digital services) and as these services are provided by these public utility companies to the businesses, residences, government, commercial and other entities in the District of Columbia with local, national and international impacts;

Whereas the exercise of this authority is carried out by three PSC Commissioners, who are nominated by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the Council of the District of Columbia;

Whereas, the decisions of the Commission materially and substantially affect the economy and the life of DC's residents, including the District and Federal Governments, Embassies, International Organizations and the like;

Whereas, the leadership and regulatory capacity of the Commissioners are vital to the effectiveness of the PSC in discharging its duties and responsibilities to the District of Columbia and its residents;

Whereas to deal with the many important matters facing the Commission both currently and in the future, it is imperative that nominees to the PSC have demonstrated high levels of skill, intelligence, capability, and the ability to cut through complexity to understand what is at stake; a strong commitment to serve the public; to meet statutory mandates and the solid experience to both understand and regulate these businesses which have substantial investments and public interest duty to, and effect and impact on, the District of Columbia and its residents;

Whereas, both understanding and making sound regulatory judgments affecting these utility businesses which impacts on, and a public interest duty to the District of Columbia and its residents, having Commissioners on the PSC who have substantial experience with public utility regulation is essential to address the highly technical nature of the business and serve the urgent interests of the public in the outcomes;

Whereas, Richard Beverly has demonstrated a high level of skill, intelligence, experience in public utility regulation, litigation and related issues and has a broad range of proven leadership skills along with an outstanding record of leadership as a Commissioner and the ability not only to understand technical matters, legal and operational questions, statutory requirements and strategic goals, and both short and long-range policy implications but to also cut through complexity to get to what is at stake and to effectively regulate these utility businesses;

Whereas, Richard Beverly is highly experienced, responsible and mature in the matter of public utility regulation, and has brought considerable depth and responsible experience to the Public Service Commission which has strongly enhanced its operation and regulation in the best interests of DC residents, rate payers and taxpayers as well as the District of Columbia;

Whereas, Richard Beverly also has substantial sensitivity and experience as a public official as a PSC Commissioner in the District of Columbia; and his record on the Commission has demonstrated strong justification and benefit to the District of Columbia, it is the position of the Ward Three Democratic Committee of the District of Columbia that it is strongly in the public interest and to the benefit of the District of Columbia that he be reappointed by the Mayor when his current term expires and confirmed by the Council for another four-year term on the Public Service Commission;

Whereas, on March 13, 2018, the Ward 3 Democrats passed a resolution strongly demonstrating their interest in, and commitment to, having PSC Commissioners who have demonstrated high levels of skill, capacity, intelligence, and the ability to cut through complexity to understand that which is at stake; possess a strong purpose to serve public needs and statutory requirements; and sound experience to both understand and regulate these utility businesses which have substantial effect and even life changing impact on the District of Columbia and its residents; and the unquestioned experience, judgment, and independence to act in the public interest on issues including rate increases;

Whereas, consistent with and in support of the objectives of the March 13, 2018 resolution in promoting nominees that have "high levels of capacity to regulate these businesses" and are "highly experienced and responsible and mature in the matter

of public utility regulation,” allowing them to act in the public interest and protect rate payers, the Ward 3 Democrats Transportation and Environment Task Force also supports the renomination of Richard Beverly for an additional four-year term on the PSC;

**Therefore**, it is hereby resolved by the Ward Three Democratic Committee that it strongly recommends that the Mayor of the District of Columbia re-nominates Richard Beverly for another four-year term as a Commissioner of the District of Columbia Public Service Commission and that the Council confirm Richard Beverly for another four-year term.

**Therefore**, it is hereby further resolved by the Ward 3 Democratic Committee that this resolution be communicated to the Mayor and to all members of the DC Council, to the Chair of the Democratic State Committee, and the Chairs of all DC Democratic Ward committees.

**Therefore**, it is hereby further resolved that the Chair of the Ward 3 Democratic Committee or the Chair’s designee(s) are authorized to transmit, testify to, publicize, and carry out this resolution in any manner the Chair deems appropriate.

**3/18/21 Approved by Ward 3 Democratic Committee**