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## RESOLUTION REGARDING FLAGSHIP CARWASH, TRAFFIC, AND PUBLIC SPACE

WHEREAS Flagship Carwash is located at 4432 Connecticut Avenue NW, and

WHEREAS the property is situated just beside the intersection of Albemarle St and Connecticut Ave NW, a heavily trafficked, four-lane, major arterial roadway (or "Principal Arterial"), and

WHEREAS the business exclusively accepts cars/customers through an entrance accessed via a driveway on Connecticut Ave NW, and

WHEREAS the "one-at-a-time" nature of the business consistently results in severe traffic congestion, and in turn, noise pollution, beginning at the business entrance on Connecticut Ave, and

**WHEREAS** westward traffic on Albemarle St is thereby often prevented from turning onto Connecticut Ave NW, and

WHEREAS customers queuing for the carwash regularly block pedestrian access to the crosswalks at the aforementioned intersections, and

WHEREAS the crosswalks at said intersections are imperative to parents and children crossing to and from Franklin Montessori School, at 4473 Connecticut Ave NW, and

WHEREAS Flagship Carwash has historically failed to address these concerns with consistency, and

WHEREAS in Section 3.1.3 of <u>Highway Functional Classification: Concepts, Criteria and Procedures – 2023</u> <u>Edition</u>, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) characterizes Principal Arterials, such as Connecticut Ave NW, as the highest class of non-freeway surface-streets; and as roadways meant to "provide a high degree of mobility" and "interconnect and provide continuity [...] to accommodate trips [...] and movements through the urban area.", and

WHEREAS Principal Arterials are meant to facilitate travel for large traffic volumes across the city, and between centers of activity, and

WHEREAS it is considered best practice to restrict property access (e.g. via curb cuts, driveways) to keep traffic flowing on Principal Arterials, and

WHEREAS businesses occupying public space and public rights of way must be issued a permit by the Mayor per § 10–1141.03 of the Code of the District of Columbia, and

WHEREAS Flagship Carwash is frequently occupying public right of way along Connecticut Ave and

Albemarle St NW.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3F calls on MDP, DDOT, and the Executive Office of the Mayor to a) hold Flagship Carwash accountable for its business's flow of traffic and the effects it has on the vicinity; b) ensure that customers queued for the carwash are following all relevant traffic laws (i.e. No Standing, No Parking); and c) ensure that the business applies for, and receives, appropriate permitting before it is allowed to continue occupying public space and impeding public right of way.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Commissioner Iglesias is authorized to speak on behalf of ANC 3F regarding this matter.

ANC 3F approved this resolution at its public meeting on July 15, 2025, which was properly noticed and attended by 6 Commissioners, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed.

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