



# Office of the People's Counsel District of Columbia

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**Via Electronic Mail and U.S. Mail**

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Re: ANC Commissioners Orientation

Dear Commissioner,

Happy New Year! On behalf of the Office of the People's Counsel (OPC or Office), I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations on your recent electoral victory. Your continued service is appreciated as the District's most trusted, prominent leaders – including our new Mayor – who have worked tirelessly as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (ANC) to ensure District residents' concerns are thoroughly considered and included in all District Government actions. The work you do is vital and essential to the well-being of our great city. OPC relies on assistance from ANCs in advising our Office on the needs and desires of its constituents. Accordingly, OPC invites you to an orientation briefing on current utility issues and the work of OPC.

As you remain on the pulse of the unique issues impacting your neighborhood, rest assured that our Office continues to advocate for just and reasonable utility rates and services for every District residential utility ratepayer. For over 40 years, OPC has focused its work on public utility litigation, and consumer outreach and education. We maintain an unwavering commitment to zealously represent District utility consumers in matters before the D.C. Public Service Commission and other utility regulatory agencies. In addition, our Consumer Services Division regularly attends community meetings and hosts events to educate consumers on how to become more energy efficient and lower their utility costs.

This year, our Office must confront major issues that will fundamentally alter the city's utility landscape and impact the lives of District residents for years to come. These issues include the \$1 billion plan to underground key portions of the city's electric distribution service system, a proposed multi-billion dollar merger of Pepco – the District's sole electric service provider –

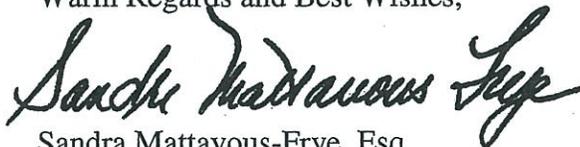
with Exelon, a large Chicago-based corporation, and a pivotal service technology infrastructure transition by the District's leading local telephone service provider.

OPC prides itself on coalition building and active involvement with ANCs in every ward of the District. Our Office has relished the opportunity to speak at ANC meetings and keep residents apprised of important utility matters. Your opinions are invaluable to the Office and deserve the great weight they are accorded by city decision makers. We need your help to continue to be the most effective advocate for District utility consumers and ensure that the specific needs of your residents are met.

The orientation briefing for all newly elected ANC commissioners will be held at OPC's offices, 1133 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite 500, on Saturday, February 21, 2015, 10:00 AM to 12 noon. Please RSVP to Erica Jones by email at [ejones@opc-dc.gov](mailto:ejones@opc-dc.gov) or by phone at (202) 727-3071, ext. 242. Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

We look forward to a productive working relationship that will be beneficial to the District's utility ratepayers.

Warm Regards and Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Mattavous-Frye". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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