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Restore the DCRA Permit Application Tracking Database

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) to restore the Online Building Permit Application Tracking database to its publicly accessible website as soon as possible.

Why: The information provided by DCRA in its "permits applied" and "permits issued" spreadsheets is sparse, frequently providing only the sketchiest descriptions of work planned, limited essentially to the contents of a single Excel spreadsheet cell. The OBPAT database was a vital tool for ANC commissioners to learn the actual details of work planned in their commission areas.

This Commission does not understand why the contents of the DCRA's database were, as the DCRA website says, "too often unreliable and resulted in misinformation to constituents". This should be fixable with appropriate instruction to the database managers, and the database restored to public access forthwith. "Eventually", as promised by the DCRA website, is not good enough.

Passed by 5 to 0 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on April 25, 2016, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Agbro, Griffiths, Rivas, Hoey, McKay. A quorum for this commission is three; five commissioners were present.