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Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC) Welcomes Antoine M. Thompson as the new Executive Director



WASHINGTON, DC- After an extensive search, The Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC) is happy to announce Antoine M. Thompson as our new Executive Director.

Antoine is the former Executive Director of the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) the oldest association of African-American real estate professionals in the United States. Antoine led efforts to increase advocacy on Capitol Hill on closing the racial wealth gap through increasing the rate of Black homeownership.

A nationally recognized leader for environmental justice, green business, housing, diversity, and urban policy, Antoine had a significant public service career in his hometown of Buffalo, New York. His positions have included election to Buffalo Common Council where he authored the Buffalo's Fair Housing Law, the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Inclusion Law and secured over \$75 million for community development projects. In 2006, he was elected to the New York State Senate and served as the Senate Deputy Majority Whip and Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Environmental

Conservation and Co-Chair of the Senate Minority and Woman Business Enterprise Task Force. He authored the NYS MWBE Mentor/Protégé Law. He was a key architect of the Green Jobs/Green New York law.

"The executive search for my successor produced some very qualified candidates but none provide the combination of executive, political and subject matter experience of Antoine Thompson. GWRCCC is most fortunate to have Antoine as its new Executive Director" stated Ira Dorfman, former Executive Director and current Senior Advisor to GWRCCC.

"With the nation very focused on alternative fuels, green businesses, and green jobs, Antoine's experience managing organizations, building coalitions, and leadership in government and advocacy is critically important to GWRCCC members and the clients, customers, and communities that they serve," stated Anne Steckel, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of GWRCCC.

As Executive Director, Antoine will work closely with staff and the GWRCCC board increasing member and community engagement, growing investments in alternative fuels, technologies, and infrastructure for transportation by local, state, and the federal governments. He will also champion GWRCCC's efforts for racial and gender equity in climate solutions, green businesses, and green jobs.

About GWRCCC

GWRCCC is a 501(c)3 non-profit public-private partnership in the Greater Washington Region promoting the use of clean, American transportation fuels for homeland security and improved air quality. GWRCCC celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2018, one of approximately 80 coalitions around the country that receives support from the US Department of Energy. GWRCCC stakeholders include government jurisdictions, the Council of Governments and regional planning authorities, trade associations, private companies and concerned citizens. All have a common interest to encourage the expanded use of new automotive technology to replace gasoline and diesel fuel for a cleaner transportation future and to promote racial equity, diversity and inclusion too.