



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 20th, 2016; 7:00 p.m.

GWU’s Fonger Hall, Room 108 – 2201 G Street NW

Call to Order

Chair Patrick Kennedy (01) called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Commissioners John Williams (03), William Kennedy Smith (04), Philip Schrefer (05), and Eve Zhurbinskiy (08) were present. Commissioner Rebecca Coder (02) arrived at 7:05 pm and Commissioner Florence Harmon arrived at 7:20 pm.

Chair Kennedy made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0).

Community Forum

Report from the Ward 2 Education Network

Chris Sondreal, ANC 2A’s representative to the Ward 2 Education Network, was present. He gave an overview of the DC Public Schools’ process for selecting a new Chancellor. He also provided the details for the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens’ 2016 charity auction.

Report from the West End Library

Kevin Osborne, the branch manager for the West End Interim Library, was present. He gave an overview of the recent usage statistics for the library. He also talked about the DC Public Library’s summer reading program, which is currently occurring. He said that adults are able to participate in this year’s program, and that the program includes Chipotle burritos and Nationals tickets as prizes.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Coder gave an overview of the 2016 Foggy Bottom West End Village Annual Gala. She said that the theme of this year’s gala is “Taste of the Neighborhood”, and that the event will include dishes from several prominent neighborhood restaurants, including from the new chef of the Watergate Hotel’s restaurant.

Commissioner Williams gave an overview of the American Institute of Architects’ upcoming tour of GW’s 2010 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan.

Report from the Metropolitan Police Department’s PSA 207

Captain David Sledge, a representative for the Metropolitan Police Department’s (MPD) Second District, was present. He gave an overview of the recent crime statistics for the neighborhood

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy asked about the reasoning for the recent delay in GW sending out a university safety alert regarding the special police officer (SPO) who had supposedly been seen carrying a weapon near campus. Captain Sledge said that he did know the reason for the university's delay. He added that MPD's SPO office was researching the matter regarding the SPO who was seen near campus. He said that MPD had identified the individual and would be calling the individual in for questioning.

Commissioner thanked MPD for their hard work on keeping the neighborhood safe. Commissioner Smith reiterated his appreciation for MPD's service.

Sara Maddux, a local resident, suggested that the ANC should contact the Office of Foreign Missions at the U.S. Department of State regarding the SPO who was seen near campus to submit a complaint, as the SPO supposedly worked at the Embassy of Saudi Arabia.

Announcements and Public Comments

Marina Streznewski, the President of the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA), said that FBA was developing a series of materials and possibly an app to help neighborhood residents assist homeless individuals who they encounter. She added that FBA was also trying to work with the DC Department of Health regarding the neighborhood's rat issues. She encouraged meeting attendees who have problems with rats to email her.

Regulatory Agenda

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding the Status of Summer Renovations at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens

Jackie Stanley, the Community Outreach Coordinator for the DC Department of General Services (DGS), was present. She said that DGS did not currently have any plans to make further repairs to the roof of the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens. She added that the request for the installation of an outdoor spigot was also not on DGS' list of renovations.

Ms. Stanley said that she had shared the list of recommended improvements that Commissioner Harmon had provided her with the DGS and DC Public Schools team in order to see what the team's feedback is. She added that only the Mayor and the DC Council could answer the question about why the school's scheduled full renovation was pushed back until 2022.

Presentation by Pepco Regarding Pepco's Application for Rate Increases

Donna Cooper, the President of Pepco, was present. She said that, as a regulated utility, Pepco has to file any proposed rate increases with the DC Public Service Commission. She talked about the funds that were included in the agreement that Pepco reached with the Public Service Commission when it merged with Exelon that will help offset upcoming rate increases.

Ms. Cooper said that, as part of Pepco's rate increase application, the company is requesting that the offset funds included in the agreement would be used for only residential customers. She said that if the request is accepted by the Public Service Commission, residential customers would not

see an increase in their delivery rates through January of 2019. She added that Pepco's lowest income customers would not be affected by delivery rate increases, as these customers do not pay delivery rate fees.

Adam Graubart, a GW student, said that Pepco should address its high administrative salaries for its senior executives before it considers rate increases for average residential customers.

Ms. Maddux said that there are significant costs, such as buying new appliances, for individuals who want to save money by using less energy. Ms. Cooper said that the DC government offers many options through the DC Sustainable Energy Utility to help low income individuals save money by using less energy.

Presentation by the DC Office of the People's Counsel Regarding Pepco's Application for Rate Increases

Cheryl Morse, a Consumer Outreach Specialist for the DC Office of the People's Counsel (OPC), was present. She said that Pepco is seeking the single largest rate increase it has ever sought since it became a distribution-only company. She said that OPC will be negotiating with Pepco in front of the Public Service Commission over what the final rate increases should be.

Ms. Morse encouraged the ANC to submit comments regarding the proposed rate increases to the Public Service Commission. She added that OPC's opinion is that the proposed rate increases are unreasonable. She said that OPC continues to research all of the numbers that the company provided to the Public Service Commission as justification for the increase.

Commissioner Smith asked what the ANC could do regarding the matter. Ms. Morse said that the ANC could submit comments to the Public Service Commission before the docket closes.

Presentation by the District Department of Transportation Regarding the Downtown West Transportation Planning Study

Megan Kanagy, a Transportation Planner for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), gave a visual presentation on the scope of DDOT's Downtown West Transportation Planning Study. She said that the study is looking at both the section of H Street NW that is directly north of the White House and the section of Pennsylvania Avenue NW that is west of the White House.

Ms. Kanagy talked about how the outcomes of DDOT's previous MoveDC plan are going to inform this study. She also talked about how the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District's (BID) Pennsylvania Avenue 2040 master plan will affect this study. She said that previous studies have identified a contra-flow bus lane on H Street NW as a priority, and thus this study will be looking more heavily at that proposal. She added that DDOT is currently carrying out extensive data collection as part of the study.

Commissioner Harmon said that she has witnessed traffic congestion on the section of Pennsylvania Avenue NW that is west of the White House, and that she would thus be concerned

with proposals that take away traffic lanes on Pennsylvania Avenue in order to add more sidewalk space.

Commissioner Williams recommended that DDOT look into installing bike lanes on Pennsylvania Avenue in the middle of the street instead of on the sides of the street in order to not have delivery vehicles parking in the side bike lanes.

Commissioner Smith asked DDOT to consider the new traffic patterns that resulted from the crosswalk and light timing changes on Washington Circle as part of this study.

Ms. Maddux suggested that DDOT take a wider view on where traffic passing through the study area is coming from and going to.

Discussion Regarding Traffic Conditions at 2000 L Street NW

Betsy Bennett, a representative for Rockrose Development; Patrick Cotter, a representative for Davis Construction; and Jeff Utz, a representative for Goulston & Storrs, were present.

Mr. Cotter said that the construction team for 2000 L Street NW has been working on the project for seven months now. He said that the team is currently reinforcing the building in order to carry out the planned vertical expansion. He said that his team will be sending the ANC monthly updates on the status of the project, as well as regular reminders whenever there are upcoming street closures.

Discussion Regarding the Golden Triangle BID's Application Request for Public Art Installations to Improve the 2100 Block of K Street NW

David Suls, the Director of Planning and Economic Development for the Golden Triangle BID, was present. He gave an overview of the BID's proposal to add public art installations to the medians of the 2100 block of K Street NW.

Application by "Watergate Hotel Lessee, LLC" (dba Watergate Hotel) to Renew the Establishment's Retailer's Class "C" Hotel License

Mark Briskin, the new General Manager of the Watergate Hotel, and Stephen O'Brien, the counsel for the applicant, were present. Mr. O'Brien gave an overview of the previous negotiation process that the hotel went through with the ANC and the different Watergate Complex condo boards in order to reach a settlement agreement that all three condo boards signed.

Commissioner Williams asked about a clause in the settlement agreement that allows for the renegotiation of the settlement agreement. Mr. O'Brien gave an overview of the clause, which he said was intended to allow for the hotel to go through one summer of operations before re-examining the settlement agreement.

Commissioner Coder asked about the details of hotel's temporary certificate of occupancy, including how long it is set to be in place. Mr. Briskin said that the certificate extends until mid-August of 2016.

Ms. Maddux said that the West End Citizens Association (WECA) will be filing a protest of the hotel's renewal application based on peace, order, and quiet impacts. She said that the association is concerned about how sound will travel from the hotel's outdoor spaces to other nearby buildings. She added that the association was also concerned about GW's recent proposal to sell the Hall on Virginia Avenue building and how that sale and the associated development will also affect sound in the area. Lastly, she said that the association was concerned with the late, post-midnight operating hours for the hotel's outdoor spaces that are included in the settlement agreement.

Commissioner Smith said that the hotel's outdoor spaces are a very complicated situation, especially for enforcement entities, because each of the five or six outdoor venues will have different operating hours, noise levels, and occupancy amounts.

Commissioner Smith asked about the current state of the ballroom terrace space. Mr. O'Brien said that the terrace is currently not accessible, and that hotel is planning on building a stairwell to access the terrace. He added that the hotel is currently talking with the board of Watergate East about creating a mechanical penthouse for the elevator that is needed to access the terrace.

Commissioner Smith said that all of the plans that the hotel had submitted to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) were marked preliminary. He said that he was wondering if the hotel would be publishing final plans that the public could see. He suggested that the hotel update the plans to reflect current circumstances.

Commissioner Smith recommended that the ANC not protest the hotel's renewal application, and to instead support WECA and their efforts to bring clarity to the issues associated with the renewal.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to have the ANC send a letter to ABRA saying that the Commission is pleased to have the West End Citizens Association working on the issues related to the hotel's renewal application. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding a Proposal to Install Obtrusive Outdoor Advertising Signage at Various Locations in DC

Chair Kennedy gave an overview of the legal loophole that an advertising company was supposedly using to install obtrusive outdoor advertising signage at various locations in DC, including signage at 1200 New Hampshire Avenue NW, in front of Meiwah.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to send in a letter of objection to the placement of the sign at 1200 New Hampshire Avenue NW, and to encourage the DC Council to close the legal loophole that allows for the installation of the sign. Commissioner Coder seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B21-0509 - the “Citizens Fair Election Program Amendment Act of 2015”

Commissioners Harmon and Zhurbinskiy recused themselves from voting on this matter.

Zach Weinstein, a representative for the DC Fair Elections Coalition, was present. He said that Councilmember Evans had recently told the coalition that he would be voting in favor of the Citizens Fair Election Program Amendment Act of 2015.

Commissioner Smith asked if the proposed bill would have unintended consequences by encouraging campaign bundlers to become more sophisticated and bundle small donations together to have a bigger influence. Mr. Weinstein said that he believes that the bill would be less susceptible to unintended consequences.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 5-0, Commissioners Harmon and Zhurbinskiy recused).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B21-0415 - the “Universal Paid Leave Act of 2015”

Commissioner Harmon recused herself from voting on this matter.

Multiple representatives from the Campaign for DC Paid Family Leave were present to advocate for the passage of an ANC resolution regarding the bill.

Chair Kennedy made a motion for the ANC to submit a resolution saying that the Commission supports the paid leave concept and encourages budget analysts, paid leave advocates, and business advocates to work together to determine an appropriate proposal. Commissioner Zhurbinskiy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0, Commissioner Harmon recused).

Consideration of a Resolution Regarding DC Council Bill B21-0684 – the “Government Travel and Human Rights Act of 2016”

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution regarding the matter. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 6-0-1).

Consideration of a Resolution Recognizing Kaya Henderson for Her Work as Chancellor of the DC Public Schools

Commissioner Harmon gave an overview of Chancellor Kaya Henderson’s service to the DC Public Schools, including her decision to keep the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens open.

Commissioner Harmon made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution of appreciation for Chancellor Henderson's service. Commissioner Schrefer seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Consideration of a Resolution Requesting Additional Polling Personnel at Foggy Bottom Polling Precincts for November General Election

Chair Kennedy gave an overview of the problems that GW students faced at Foggy Bottom's Precinct 2 during the 2012 general election, where there were a record number of same day voter registrations. He said that having additional staff on hand for the 2016 general election could speed up the processing of same day voter registrations.

Commissioner Zhurbinskiy made a motion to adopt a proposed resolution that called on the Board of Elections to assign additional staff to Precinct 2 for the 2016 general election. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Administrative Agenda

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Smith made a motion to adopt the regular and special June 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Approval of the FY 2016 Quarter 3 Financial Report

Commissioner Williams made a motion to adopt the FY 2016 Quarter 3 financial report. Commissioner Zhurbinskiy seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed (VOTES: 7-0).

Adjournment

Chair Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 10:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. J. Schrefer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Philip" and last name "Schrefer" clearly legible.

Philip Schrefer
Secretary, ANC 2A05



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August 22, 2016

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**RE: Application by “Watergate Hotel Lessee, LLC” (dba “Watergate Hotel,”
ABRA- 091162) to Renew the Establishment’s Retailer’s Class “C” Hotel
License at 2650 Virginia Avenue NW**

Dear Chairperson Anderson,

At its regular meeting on July 20, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously by a vote of **(7-0-0)** to not protest the renewal of the Watergate Hotel’s Retailer’s Class “C” Hotel License, but to write a letter to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in support of the protest filed by the West End Citizens Association (WECA). Please note that, in submitting this letter, ANC 2A withdraws the previous letter regarding this matter that the Commission submitted to the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration on August 11, 2016.

ANC 2A welcomes and applauds WECA’s efforts to seek a modification of any provisions of the hotel’s license that may prove disruptive to our neighbors’ ability to enjoy their property in peace, order and quiet, including provisions that allow for the disruptive impacts of live and electronic music being played on the hotel’s summer gardens.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please feel free to reach out if we can provide additional information or be of assistance. Commissioners William Kennedy Smith (2A04@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson



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CC: Sara Maddux, President, West End Citizens Association
Barbara Kahlow, Secretary-Treasurer, West End Citizens Association
Stephen O'Brien, Counsel for the Applicant



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Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie
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RE: DC Council Bill B21-0509 - the “Citizens Fair Election Program Amendment Act of 2015”

Dear Councilmember McDuffie,

At its regular meeting on July 20, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer, by a vote of (5-0-0*):

WHEREAS, residents of the District of Columbia are increasingly concerned that wealthy donors, corporations, and outside interests who make large campaign contributions have an outsized influence on the decisions of elected officials,

WHEREAS, our democracy works best when it lives up to the principle of one person, one vote, and when the strength of a citizen’s voice doesn’t depend on the size of their wallet,

WHEREAS, numerous studies show that small donor empowerment programs help further democratize the election process, encourage fair governance, and diversify the pool of candidates, and

WHEREAS, a bill for a small donor empowerment program is pending before the D.C. Council which addresses such concerns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the following general principles of the proposed DC Council Bill B21-0509 - the “Citizens Fair Election Program Amendment Act of 2015”:

- To provide a system of voluntary public financing for qualifying candidates for D.C. Mayor, D.C. Council, and Attorney General,
- To provide public funds that are capped at a specified amount and encourage small donations through a matching system,
- Candidates who accept public funding must also accept limits, such as the source and amount of contributions they can accept, and



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- To impose conditions for qualifying for public financing, such as raising a minimum amount of small contributions from a minimum number of individuals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council’s Committee on the Judiciary to schedule a public hearing, and all Councilmembers to co-sponsor, support hearings and pass the Citizens Fair Election Program Amendment Act of 2015 as soon as possible.

Commissioner Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Chairman Phil Mendelson
Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1
Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2
Councilmember Mary Cheh, Ward 3
Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Councilmember LaRuby May, Ward 8
Councilmember Elissa Silverman, At-Large
Councilmember David Grosso, At-Large
Councilmember Anita Bonds, At-Large
Zach Weinstein, Democracy Advocate, U.S. PIRG

*Commissioners Florence Harmon and Eve Zhurbinskiy recused themselves from voting on this matter.



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Chairman Phil Mendelson
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RE: DC Council Bill B21-0415 - the “Universal Paid Leave Act of 2015”

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

At its regular meeting on July 20, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Chair Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Zhurbinskiy, by a vote of **(6-0-0*)**:

WHEREAS, ANC 2A appreciates the importance of supporting the people who work in the District of Columbia and the businesses that operate in the District of Columbia,

WHEREAS, only 13 percent of employees nationwide have access to paid family leave and only 40 percent have access to paid medical leave, and these employees are disproportionately higher-income earners,

WHEREAS, research shows that access to paid leave is associated with economic benefits such as improved labor force attachment, employee retention, employee morale, health, and well-being, family income stability, and reduced dependence on public assistance programs,

WHEREAS, evidence from existing state paid family and medical leave programs shows that these programs can have a positive impact on businesses, including small businesses,

WHEREAS, the DC Family and Medical Leave Act only provides access to unpaid leave for qualifying employees who work for an employer with at least 20 employees and have met length of employment and hours of service requirements,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A values legislation that provides paid leave for non-traditional families and for members of the LGBTQ+ community,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A strongly supports the goal of Universal Paid Leave (UPL) for District workers,



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WHEREAS, ANC 2A believes any such UPL program adopted by the Council of the District of Columbia should, to the greatest extent possible:

- Minimize administrative costs while making a progressive impact
- Provide punitive measures for fraud, waste, and abuse in the program
- Expedite the process of obtaining payment after the application process is completed
- Ensure that program qualifications do not disadvantage our lowest-income earners, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A also strongly supports our local business community and believes that the cost of financing a UPL program must not create an undue burden on District businesses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council to adopt a program of Universal Paid Leave that balances costs and benefits, adopting as many of the above principles as possible without placing an undue burden on local businesses or increasing the initial employer contribution rate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council to work with large and small business owners, nonprofit leaders, Universal Paid Leave advocates, and city budget analysts to determine the appropriate details of such a Universal Paid Leave program, including, but not limited to:

- The length of paid leave that the program provides for
- The qualifications for employees who seek to participate in the program
- The life conditions and situations that would be covered by the program
- The definition of “family” members who would be covered by the program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council to pay particular attention to the economic impacts that the Universal Paid Leave program would have on the District’s small nonprofit organizations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council to disseminate to the public an analysis of the economic impacts, including costs and benefits, that the Universal Leave Program program would have on the District’s businesses, nonprofits, and business climate as a whole.

Commissioners Eve Zhurbinskiy (2A08@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.



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ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

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Councilmember Vincent Orange, At-Large
Adam Graubart, Fellow, The Roosevelt Institute
Joanna Blotner, DC Paid Family and Medical Leave Program Campaign Manager
Hannah Weilbacher, Community Organizer, Jews United for Justice

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RE: DC Council Bill B21-0684 – the “Government Travel and Human Rights Act of 2016”

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WHEREAS, Washington DC’s Human Rights Act of 1977 (amended on March 14, 2007) sought to secure an end to discrimination for any reason other than that of individual merit, including, but not limited to, discrimination by reason of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression familial status, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, genetic information, disability, source of income, status as a victim of an intrafamily offense, and place of residence or business,

WHEREAS, existing law provides for officers and employees of the District of Columbia, when away from their headquarters for official business, to receive travel expenses,

WHEREAS, when compared to other states, the District of Columbia has the highest percentage of adults who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, according to a Gallup study from 2012, at 10 percent, which is double the percentage of the second place state, and nearly triple the overall national average of 3.5 percent,

WHEREAS, the 2010 Census data shows that 5,146 District of Columbia households declared themselves as being headed by same-sex couples, representing a rate of 19 same-sex couples per 1,000 households,



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WHEREAS, since March of 2015, Indiana, South Dakota, Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi, and numerous municipalities have either passed, or passed and signed into law bills that allow for discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity,

WHEREAS, religious freedom is a cornerstone of law and public policy in the United States, and ANC 2A strongly supports and affirms this important freedom,

WHEREAS, the exercise of religious freedom should not be a justification for discrimination,

WHEREAS, while Mayoral Orders are well intentioned, piecemeal efforts to address discrimination, the residents and public servants of the District of Columbia need a permanent solution, and

WHEREAS, Washington, DC must take permanent action to avoid supporting or financing discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council to consider and pass DC Council Bill B21-0684 – the “Government Travel and Human Rights Act of 2016.” This important law protects the District of Columbia’s public servants from discrimination and harassment and prohibits the use of DC funds to support activities in any state that affirmatively sanctions or requires discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Commissioners Eve Zhurbinskiy (2A08@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1
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Kaya Henderson
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RE: Recognizing DC Public Schools Chancellor Kaya Henderson

Dear Chancellor Henderson,

At its regular meeting on July 20, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Harmon and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer, by a vote of **(7-0-0)**:

WHEREAS, Chancellor Kaya Henderson has served with distinction as the Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) for six years,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Kaya Henderson defended the interests of the West End and Foggy Bottom Communities in numerous ways, including, but not limited to, supporting the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens by determining not to close the only public elementary and middle school in the West End and Foggy Bottom area,

WHEREAS, Chancellor Kaya Henderson further supported the interests of the West End and Foggy Bottom communities by installing an outstanding principal and other outstanding administrators, faculty, and support staff at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens, who ensured academic and extracurricular achievement,

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Chancellor Kaya Henderson, academic achievement in DCPS has risen; school facilities, teacher quality, and accountability have improved; and enrollment has risen, specifically 97 percent at the School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens in the last three years, and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Kaya Henderson is an exemplary public servant who served with distinction throughout her tenure at DCPS with principled opinions and a keen sense of community perspective.



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in recognition of Chancellor Kaya Henderson’s six years of service as leader of DCPS, the Commission hereby extends to her its grateful appreciation and best wishes for the years to come.

Commissioners Florence Harmon (2A06@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Josephine Bias Robinson, Chief, DCPS Office of Family and Public Engagement
Eli Hoffman, Wards 2 and 3 Representative, DCPS Community Action Team
Richard Trogisch, Principal, School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens
Megan Hanley, Assistant Principal, School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens
Chris Sondreal, ANC 2A Representative, Ward 2 Education Network
Mike Silverstein, Commissioner, ANC 2B06



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August 1, 2016

Alice Miller
Executive Director
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RE: Request for Additional Election Day Workers at Voting Precinct 2 in Foggy Bottom

Dear Ms. Miller,

At its regular meeting on July 20, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Zhurbinskiy and seconded by Commissioner Smith, by a vote of **(7-0-0)**:

WHEREAS, ANC 2A is home to the George Washington University’s (GW) Foggy Bottom campus,

WHEREAS, the student population at GW has grown over the past four years,

WHEREAS, presidential election years have high voter turnout, and college students are particularly likely to take advantage of same-day voter registration, and

WHEREAS, during the 2012 election, so many GW students registered to vote on the day of the election that there were not enough election day workers to process same-day voter registrations in an efficient manner, resulting in long lines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A asks the DC Board of Elections to dispatch one additional special ballot clerk, one additional check-in clerk, and one additional ballot clerk over previous years’ levels at voting precinct 2 in Foggy Bottom in order to ensure an efficient and quick voting process for Foggy Bottom residents.

Commissioners Eve Zhurbinskiy (2A08@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson