



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

August 20, 2016

Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary
Council of the District of Columbia
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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 August 10, 2016, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (5-1-1):

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 does not 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 DC Council which addresses such concerns.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports the general principles of the proposed Citizens Fair Elections Program Amendment Act of 2015 (DC Council Bill B21-0509).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the DC Council’s Committee on the Judiciary to schedule a public hearing regarding the Citizens Fair Elections Program Amendment Act of 2015 as soon as possible.

Commissioner Nicole Mann (nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Mann", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nicole Mann
Chair