



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

May 21, 2014

The Honorable Vincent Gray, Mayor
District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Suite 316
Washington, DC 20004

Council of the District of Columbia
The Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Resolution Supporting the Repeal of Prostitution Free Zones Amendment Act of 2014

Dear Mayor Gray and Council Members,

At its regular meeting on May 14, 2014, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0). The Commission agreed on the following resolution:

Whereas, the Council of the District of Columbia is currently considering passage of the Repeal of Prostitution Free Zones Amendment Act of 2014 (B20-760), legislation that would permanently repeal the Prostitution Free Zone Act of 2005, which allows the Metropolitan Police Department to permanently declare public space as a “Prostitution Free Zone;”

Whereas, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B has previously voiced its opposition to Prostitution Free Zones in February 2012;

Whereas, Prostitution Free Zones do not reduce prostitution and further marginalize sex workers, low income people of color, transgender people, lesbians and gays, and the homeless;

Whereas, both the Metropolitan Police Department and the Office of the Attorney General have acknowledged that the implementation of Prostitution Free Zones is likely unconstitutional;

Therefore, be it resolved that, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B supports the Repeal of Prostitution Free Zones Amendment Act of 2014 (B20-760) and encourages the Council of the District of Columbia to adopt the proposed legislation.

In addition, ANC 2B respectfully encourages Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans sponsor and support the bill.

Commissioners Kevin O'Connor (kevin.o'connor@dupontcircleanc.net) Kishan Putta (kishan.putta@dupontcircleanc.net), and Will Stephens (will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Will Stephens
Chairman

cc:gottlieb.simon@dc.gov