



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

April 17, 2019

Councilmember Robert White
Chair, Committee on Facilities and Procurement
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 107
Washington, DC 20004
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RE: Additional FY 2019 Funding for the ANC Communications Access Fund

Dear Councilmember White:

At its regular meeting on April 10, 2019, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions are required by federal ADA law to provide interpreting services upon request by residents and commissioners,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is pleased and honored to have our meetings fully accessible to members of the public and to all of our commissioners,

WHEREAS, since January of 2019, ANC 2B has enjoyed standing requests from multiple people for interpretation services at our monthly and special meetings,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B was informed by the Office of Disability Rights (ODR) and the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) that the \$15,000 in FY 2019 funds for the Communications Access Fund set aside for ANCs has been fully extinguished,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has estimated the cost of fulfilling standing interpretation services requests for the remainder of the fiscal year to be approximately \$5,000 – equating to 23% of our annual allotment,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B understands that we are not the only ANC utilizing interpretation services as requested by commissioners and neighbors, and

WHEREAS, while ANC 2B understands and believes that providing interpretation services is both a legal and moral obligation, we are concerned about the sustainability of supporting an unanticipated \$5,000 expense this fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the DC Council reprogram at least \$5,000 and up to \$15,000 in FY 2019 to cover the costs of interpretation services.

Commissioners Matthew Sampson (2B01@anc.dc.gov), Mike Silverstein (2B06@anc.dc.gov), and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel Warwick
Chair