



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

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RE: U.S. Attorney's Office's Outreach on DC Council Bill B23-0127 – the “Second Look Amendment Act of 2019” and the Lack of Hate Crimes Prosecution

Dear Ms. Liu,

At its regular meeting on September 11, 2019, 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 (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, Councilmember Charles Allen recently introduced legislation which would allow for the parole board to consider early release for prisoners who have been in prison for at least fifteen years and committed crimes between the ages of 15 and 24,

WHEREAS, the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia is opposed to the legislation and recently held a meeting for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners to lobby against the proposed bill,

WHEREAS, the Washington Post recently reported that the number of hate crimes prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office, which prosecutes most crime in the District of Columbia, decreased while the number of arrests for hate crimes has significantly risen since 2015,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is proud to represent Dupont Circle, the historic epicenter of DC's LGBTQ community,

WHEREAS, LGBTQ people are one of the most impacted populations by hate crimes within the District of Columbia, and

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that the United States Attorney's Office should focus its energy on prosecuting hate crimes rather than meddling in local affairs such as the Second Look Act.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B opposes the United States Attorney's Office's efforts to interfere with local sentencing decisions and urges the office to spend its time prosecuting hate crimes.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein ([2B06@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B06@anc.dc.gov)) and Daniel Warwick ([2B02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B02@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,



Daniel Warwick  
Chair