



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

November 2, 2015

Mayor Muriel Bowser, Executive Office of the Mayor
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Resolution in Support of Pledge to End Homelessness in DC

Dear Mayor Bowser,

At its regular meeting on October 14, 2015, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0):

Whereas there are far too many men, women, and children living on our streets and in our shelters;

Whereas homelessness in the District of Columbia is not an intractable problem and can be solved;

Whereas when members of our community experience homelessness, we all suffer, and our entire community must be a part of the solution;
Whereas every neighborhood, and every resident, has a stake in preventing homelessness and supporting people who experience homelessness;

Whereas by committing to action and using proven strategies, the District of Columbia has an opportunity to lead the nation in ending homelessness and;

Whereas as a community, we should close and replace DC General with smaller, more dignified private room emergency housing for families across the District and;

Whereas Mayor Bowser and the DC Interagency Council on Homelessness agreed on a five-year plan called Homeward DC to reduce homelessness and support policies to;

- Make shelter available to families when they need it, not only during hypothermia.

- Commit to reduce the time individuals and families experience homelessness by connecting them to housing and important 'wrap-around' social service to help them achieve independence and find a path to the middle class.
- Provide 'interim eligibility' short term placements to assure the public safety of families waiting for permanent shelter placement.
- Clarify emergency housing configuration as apartment-style or a private room.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B, affirming in its oath of office to work in the best interest of the District of Columbia as a whole, pledge to do its part to end homelessness in the District of Columbia, enlist support of our families, friends, and neighbors to join this important effort, and let local leaders know that we support the Homeward DC plan, and that they should too.

On behalf of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noah Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

Noah Smith

Chairman

cc:

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