



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

March 14, 2016

Chancellor Kaya Henderson  
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RE: Proposal to Eliminate DCPS Funding of the Fillmore Arts Center

Dear Chancellor Henderson:

At its regular meeting on March 9, 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 (7-0-0):

WHEREAS, a proposed DCPS budget cut would eliminate funding for the Fillmore Arts Center program, currently operating at five District elementary schools,

WHEREAS, Ross Elementary, one of the affected schools, is located in ANC 2B, and is one of the smallest schools in the DCPS system and also one of the highest-performing,

WHEREAS, the need for arts programs, including visual arts, music, drama, dance, and creative writing as part of instruction in elementary-aged student curriculums is increasingly important,

WHEREAS, eliminating funding of Fillmore Arts Center and requiring these five schools to support their own arts programs would present a burden to small schools like Ross Elementary and would result in students no longer receiving the same quality of arts education as they do currently.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B opposes eliminating funding for the Fillmore Arts Center and encourages DCPS to explore other options to continue funding the program, including the expansion of the number of schools served by the program.

Commissioner Nicole Mann ([nicole.mann@dupontcircleanc.net](mailto: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