



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: FY 2020 Funding for the ANC Communications Access Fund

Dear Councilmember Robert 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’s annual district allotment is approximately \$20,000, while the cost of providing interpretation services for a full year of our meetings would approach \$10,000,

WHEREAS, while ANC 2B understands and believes that providing interpretation services is both a legal and moral obligation, we are concerned that we would be unable to continue functioning if half our annual allotment were spent providing these services rather than services which support the Commission and neighborhood including an

Executive Director, maintenance and insurance for a community resource center utilized by the Dupont Circle Farmers Market, Historic Dupont Circle Main Streets, the Dupont Circle Citizens Association, and the Dupont Circle Village, among others, and other expenses in support of the neighborhood,

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

WHEREAS, at the pace of expenditures this year, at least \$30,000 to \$45,000 (if calculated from January of 2019) would be required to cover a full fiscal year of interpretation services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the DC Council set aside at least \$45,000 in DC's FY 2020 budget for making ANC meetings accessible to Deaf people and the Deaf community.

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