

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

August 29, 2019

Councilmember Brandon Todd Chair, Committee on Government Operations Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 105 Washington, DC 20004 btodd@dccouncil.us

RE: DC Council Bill B23-0037 – the "Care for LGBTQ Seniors and Seniors with HIV Amendment Act of 2019"

Dear Councilmember Todd:

At its regular meeting on August 14, 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, thirty years ago the idea that someone which HIV would live decades was unimaginable, but scientific advances have brought forward new medications,

WHEREAS, today people with HIV are living well into their golden years,

WHEREAS, HIV disproportionately impacts the LGBTQ community and especially communities of color, and the number of LGBTQ older adults in the District of Columbia is increasing,

WHEREAS, many local LGBTQ seniors and seniors with HIV report having experienced discrimination and social stigmatization throughout their lives, including problems when attempting to access healthcare and social services, and

WHEREAS, the Care for LGBTQ Seniors and Seniors with HIV Amendment Act of 2019 includes LGBTQ seniors and seniors with HIV in the definition of groups of greatest social need for the purpose of allocating funds, and also establishes an LGBTQ HIV long-term care bill of rights, all of which help address the aforementioned problems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B expresses support for DC Council Bill B23-0037 – the "Care for LGBTQ Seniors and Seniors with HIV Amendment Act of

2019" and urges the DC Council to act quickly to pass this legislation and send it to the Mayor for her signature.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein (<u>2B06@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Daniel Warwick (<u>2B02@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

James Warnick

Sincerely,

Daniel Warwick

Chair