



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

November 15, 2021

Councilmember Elissa Silverman
Chair, Subcommittee on Redistricting
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: DC Council Subcommittee on Redistricting's Discussion Ward Boundary Maps for North Dupont Circle

Dear Councilmember Silverman:

At its regular meeting on November 10, 2021, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (5-2-0):

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is conducting the legally mandated decennial redistricting of its ward boundaries,

WHEREAS, Ward 1 and Ward 2 have had such stable population levels that no changes are legally required to be made to the ward boundary between the two that also marks the north limit of Dupont Circle's ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, the current ward boundary has been in place for twenty years without controversy,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B believes that keeping Dupont Circle unified in one ward facilitates better neighborhood planning on such issues as transportation services and safety, social services, community events, business development, zoning, and encouraging new housing,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has long been the traditional home to the District's LGBTQ community, a community identified under the District of Columbia's Human Rights Act as a protected community of interest,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B remains a home to a large concentration of LGBTQ residents whose voting strength could be diluted if the ward boundaries were moved south, and

WHEREAS, the current ward boundary reflects the long established and widely recognized northern line of the Dupont Circle neighborhood.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting recommends to the full DC Council that the current northern ward line between Ward 1 and Ward 2 remains unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the full DC Council gives final approval to a ward map that does not change the current lines between Ward 1 and Ward 2.

Commissioners Kyle Mulhall (2B09@anc.dc.gov) and Matthew Holden (2B08@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Holden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and "H".

Matthew Holden
Chair