



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

February 15, 2022

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Ms. Tanya Mitchell
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RE: Special Event Applications for the 2022 Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 11th, 2022 and the 2022 Capital Pride Festival on Sunday, June 12th, 2022

Dear Mayor Bowser and Ms. Mitchell,

At its regular meeting on February 9, 2022, 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, Dupont Circle has hosted the annual Capital Pride Parade since its founding as Gay Pride Day in 1975,

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Parade and Capital Pride Festival have become two of the nation's largest community events and carry extra significance to the LGBTQI+ community due to their location in the nation's capital,

WHEREAS, there was no parade or festival in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B partnered with the Capital Pride Alliance in 2021 to organize a COVID-safe event in recognition of the event's importance to the community, which was attended by Vice President Kamala Harris,

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Alliance, the sponsor and producer of the annual Capital Pride Parade and Capital Pride Festival, plans a return to normal with this year's 2022 parade and festival, scheduled for June 11, 2022 and June 12, 2022, respectively,

WHEREAS, the 2022 Capital Pride Parade will honor the event's history while looking to its future – a 50th celebration in 2025 – with a modified route beginning in Logan Circle and ending in Dupont Circle and complementary venues,

WHEREAS, these venues will include reviewing stands and designated spectator bleachers along the route and a closure of 17th Street from R Street to P Street NW in order to enable a block party event during the June 11 and June 12 weekend, and

WHEREAS, this event, the 47th and a critical building block toward the 50th celebration, will benefit from strong advanced community and business engagement to ensure awareness, support, and appropriate logistical preparations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B welcomes the return of the annual Capital Pride Parade and Capital Pride Festival.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the Mayor's Office elevates the profile of the Capital Pride Parade and Capital Pride Festival, facilitating and prioritizing necessary permits, approvals, arrangements, and requisite support from District of Columbia authorities, agencies, and departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B pledges to support the Capital Pride Alliance and the LGBTQI+ community in outreach and associated activities in order to contribute to the successful return of this event to our neighborhood.

Commissioners Meg Roggensack (2B01@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, flowing style.

Matthew Holden
Chair