



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

April 26, 2022

Mayor Muriel Bowser
Mayor
Government of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004
muriel.bowser@dc.gov

RE: Special Event Application for the 2022 Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 11th, 2022

Dear Mayor Bowser,

At its regular meeting on April 13, 2022, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 6 of 7 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0):

WHEREAS, the Dupont Circle neighborhood is the historic epicenter of DC’s LGBTQ+ community,

WHEREAS, the first DC Gay Pride Day was held on 20th Street NW back in 1975,

WHEREAS, pride parades since then have either stepped off or ended in the Dupont Circle neighborhood, a neighborhood that holds a special place in the heart and history of DC’s LGBTQ+ community,

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Parade is an event of immense importance to members of the LGBTQ+ community and is a welcoming, affirming event with support and hope for those who are struggling,

WHEREAS, the parade and festival bring hundreds of thousands of visitors to DC, supporting local businesses and providing tax revenues to the District of Columbia,

WHEREAS, those visitors patronize neighborhood restaurants and small businesses, especially those in the Dupont Circle neighborhood, providing hope and relief for those that have been struggling,

WHEREAS, many major cities waive all fees related to pride parades, and

WHEREAS, with the escalating attacks on the LGBTQ+ community and especially on trans children, this year's Capital Pride Parade takes on even greater significance.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B strongly urges Mayor Bowser's administration to take all possible steps to waive fees for the Capital Pride Alliance to stage this year's Capital Pride Parade along a route that includes the Dupont Circle neighborhood and includes a block party along the section of 17th Street NW named in honor of Frank Kameny.

Commissioners Mike Silverstein (2B06@anc.dc.gov), 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