

## GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## **Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

February 20, 2023

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Ms. Tanya Mitchell
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RE: Special Event Application for the 2023 Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 10th, 2023

Dear Mayor Bowser and Ms. Mitchell,

At its regular meeting on February 8, 2023, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission ("ANC 2B" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With 7 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0):

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 are among Washington, DC's largest community events and carry extra significance to the LGBTQI+ community due to their location in the nation's capital,

WHEREAS, the Capital Pride Alliance, the sponsor and producer of the annual Capital Pride Parade and Capital Pride Festival, plans this year's 2023 parade and festival, scheduled for June 10, 2023 and June 11, 2023, respectively,

WHEREAS, the 2023 Capital Pride Parade will honor the event's history with a route beginning in Logan Circle and ending in Dupont Circle and complementary venues, while looking to its future – WorldPride Washington, DC, a 50th celebration in 2025,

WHEREAS, these venues will include review areas along the route and a closure of 17th Street NW from R Street NW to P Street NW in order to enable a block party event during June 10, 2023, as well as June 9, 2023 if approved by the Mayor's Special Event Task Group, and

WHEREAS, this year's Capital Pride Parade is the 48th annual and is a critical building block toward WorldPride Washington, DC, on the occasion of the 50th celebration in two years, and 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.

Commissioner Meg Roggensack (<u>2B01@anc.dc.gov</u>) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

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Sincerely,

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