



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

April 20, 2009

Council Member Vincent C. Gray
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 5
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Gray,

We appreciate the attentiveness of many D.C. Council Members, including yourself, to the concerns and requests of the District's Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. Unfortunately, ANC commissioners have on occasion waited for several hours at Council Committee hearings without being able to testify. Commissioner testimony should be provided some priority so that our ANCs can be provided the "great weight" that is due under the law.

Therefore, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2B) at its April 2009 public meeting unanimously passed the following resolution:

Whereas many D.C. Council committees provide for priority to testimony by ANC Commissioners who may be present;

Whereas on occasion, ANC Commissioners have been thwarted in their attempts to testify at certain D.C. Council committee hearings due to delays and long hearings;

Therefore be it resolved that ANC 2B respectfully requests the D.C. Council Chair to request that all D.C. Council committees incorporate into their regular rules and procedures to provide priority to testimony by ANC Commissioners.

Our experience is that some Council Committees—either informally or formally—ask for ANC testimony as a matter of course. We ask for your help in ensuring that each and every Council Committee has procedures in place to provide "great weight" to the ANCs in the District. We appreciate your continued support and service to the City.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Mike Silverstein, Chairman

cc: D.C. Council Members