



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

July 15, 2009

Tommy Wells, Ward 6 Council Member  
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Washington, DC 20004

Dear Council Members,

At its July 8, 2009 public meeting, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2B) unanimously passed the following resolution:

*Whereas the D.C. Council is considering legislation that would move the ANC Commissioner elections from November to September, from the general election date to the primary election date; and*

*Whereas the Council has not identified a serious problem, fault, or deficiency which would be cured by moving the election of ANC Commissioners from November to September; and*

*Whereas ANC positions are important offices which deserve to be on the November ballot; and*

*Whereas such a change would result in an additional two months of lame-duck status for ANC Commissioners who are not re-elected or who choose to retire; and*

*Whereas electing ANC commissioners during the partisan primary in September unnecessarily mixes the non-partisan ANC elections with the partisan primary elections for other offices; and*

*Whereas such a change would mean that ANC Commissioner candidates would not be able to volunteer, canvass, or participate as fully in September partisan primary elections for other local offices, which are often the most contested and important races in the District; and*

*Whereas such a change would mean that ANC Commissioner candidates would need to submit petitions with signatures to the Board of Elections and Ethics during the week of Independence Day in July, a time when many DC residents leave town; and*

*Whereas if the Council is concerned about the ability of the Board of Elections and Ethics to correctly create over 200 ballots in the span of two months, a simpler and less drastic solution would be to require ANC candidates to submit petitions one month earlier; and*

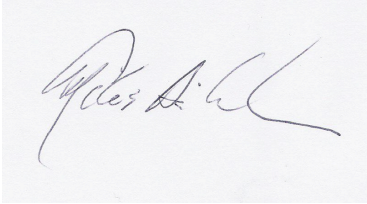
*Whereas independent voters are not accustomed to voting in the September elections, which are partisan elections;*

*Therefore be it resolved that ANC 2B objects to any change in ANC Commissioner elections from November to September; and*

*Be it further resolved that the Chairman send a letter to Ward 2 Council Member Jack Evans and all other Council Members describing the Commission's aforementioned objections.*

I attended the hearing on this issue earlier in July with fellow Commissioner Jack Jacobson. We understand that the proposal to move the elections will be stricken from the bill, and we thank Council Member Cheh for her responsiveness to our concerns. We would like to supplement the record with this letter and our formal resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Silverstein", is centered below the word "Sincerely,". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mike Silverstein, Chairman