

## **Final Report & Recommendation from ANC 2B Re-Districting Task Force**

*September 2011*

The ANC 2B Re-Districting Task Force has formulated a recommended change in boundaries for ANC 2B (Dupont Circle), in accordance with the Task Force's mandate from the D.C. Council. This recommendation will be submitted to ANC 2B for consideration at the ANC's September 14, 2011 regular public meeting – and then to the Council.

### **Summary of Recommended Action**

The Task Force recommends no change to the external boundaries of ANC 2B, which separate ANC 2B from ANC 2A (Foggy Bottom / West End), ANC 2D (Sheridan – Kalorama), ANC 2E (Georgetown), ANC 2F (Logan Circle), and Ward 1.

The attached Google map [*EXHIBIT A*] shows the recommended new boundaries between each of the 9 Single Member Districts (SMDs) within ANC 2B. There are no recommended changes to the boundaries of 2B04 and 2B05. The Task Force recommends some alterations to the boundaries of the remaining 7 SMDs, as reflected in the map. The map is also available on the following website: <http://bit.ly/ocgxN2>.

The proposed legal descriptions of the new ANC 2B boundaries are included at the end of this Final Report. The legal description is the more precise account and controls if there are any discrepancies with the map visualization.

### **Background Information on the Task Force**

As part of the decennial redistricting process, each Ward Council Member is responsible for creating a ward-wide “subcommittee” to propose re-drawing Single Member District (SMD) and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) boundaries within the Ward based on new census data. In general, each SMD should be home to between 1900 and 2100 residents, though variations are acceptable for certain reasons, such as maintaining neighborhood cohesiveness or adhering to natural boundaries. Ward 2 Council Member Jack Evans' office for several months invited any interested Ward 2 residents to join the Ward 2 Subcommittee for 2011 redistricting. The Ward 2 Subcommittee is further broken down into “task forces” for each ANC in Ward 2. Each Task Force is responsible for providing a recommendation for the re-drawing of SMD lines — and, if warranted, recommendations on any changes to ANC external boundaries.

### **Task Force Members**

The ANC 2B Task Force included all 9 Commissioners on ANC 2B (Mike Feldstein, Kevin O'Connor, Bob Meehan, Jack Jacobson, Victor Wexler, Mike Silverstein, Phil Carney, Will Stephens, and Ramon Estrada). The Task Force also included all of the ANC 2B community members who volunteered to Jack Evans' office to be members (Ed Grandis, Phyllis Klein, and Debbie Schreiber). Additional

community member volunteer Matt Rhoades stepped down from the Task Force in late July. Councilman Evans' office designated Ed Grandis, Debbie Schreiber, and Will Stephens as co-chairs of the Task Force.

### **Task Force Action Timeline**

The Task Force arrived at its recommendation through the following work:

- July 13, 2011 – *Initial meeting of the Ward 2 Subcommittee at the Wilson Building.* Ward 2 Council Member Jack Evans and staff, along with representatives of the Office of Planning, shared information about the re-districting process and expected work with the volunteers and designees on the various Ward 2 ANC Task Forces.
- July 26, 2011 – *Initial meeting of the 2B Task Force.* The Task Force discussed a process for creating and vetting a recommended change in 2B boundaries and set a schedule for meeting the Council's deadline.
- August 1, 2011 – *Status Report.* Monthly status report shared with Council Member Evans' office.
- August 4, 2011 – A description of the Task Force's plan of action was published and distributed online, using social media, blog, and group forum notices.
- August 9, 2011 – *Working session of the 2B Task Force.* The Task Force held a working session to derive an initial proposal for discussion of new boundary lines, to be published online for comment.
- August 10, 2011 – The initial proposal was published online, with a complete description, and circulated using social media, blog, and group forum notices. An August 31, 2011 community forum was announced, to discuss the Task Force's initial proposal.
- August 10 thru 31, 2011 – Public comment sought online.
- August 31, 2011 – *Community Forum.* The Task Force held a community forum at the Washington Hilton Hotel to discuss the proposal and any potential adjustments.
- September 1, 2011 – *Status Report.* Monthly status report shared with Council Member Evans' office.
- September 9, 2011 – *Final Report.* The Task Force released this Final Report for consideration by ANC 2B at the September 14, 2011 meeting.

### **Monthly Status Reports (August / September)**

The Task Force was required to submit a monthly status report to Council Member Jack Evans' office on August 1, 2011 and again on September 1, 2011. Those

prior reports are appended to this Final Report for reference as EXHIBIT B and EXHIBIT C, respectively.

### **Task Force Considerations**

The Task Force aimed to address the following issues in its work:

- Districts 2B02 and 2B06 have populations that currently exceed the preferred range (over 2100), while 2B01 and 2B09 have populations that fall below the preferred range (under 1900).
- Where changes are needed, the resulting districts should be compact, reflect neighborhood cohesion, and be within the preferred range of 1900-2100.
- Where possible given the population data, boundary changes should more equitably distribute business district areas (i.e., liquor licenses), which are currently distributed heavily in 2B02, 2B05, and 2B06, so long as compactness and neighborhood cohesion are maintained.
- Where changes are needed, it also makes sense for multiple districts to be adjacent Dupont Circle park, so long as compactness and neighborhood cohesion are maintained.

### **Specific Changes Recommended by the Task Force**

The following is a bullet-point list of the recommended changes of the Task Force from current boundaries into new boundaries:

- Census block 55.5002 moves from 2B06 to 2B02. This better unifies the P Street corridor and brings 2B06 within the preferred population range, while creating a more compact 2B02 and 2B06.
- Census block 55.2000 moves from 2B06 to 2B02. This unifies the P Street corridor into one SMD. After the below changes are incorporated, this change leaves 2B02 with 49 people more than the upper limit of the preferred range (2100), but it also results in more compact districts, reflects cohesive neighborhoods, and respects the geographical boundary of Rock Creek Park. This change is preferable but not necessary.
- Census block 107.2005 moves from 2B02 to 2B06. This creates more compact districts and brings 2B06 adjacent to the Circle.
- Census blocks 55.1001 and 55.1002 move from 2B02 to 2B01. This brings 2B01 within the preferred population range.
- Census block 42.02.1006 moves from 2B02 to 2B03. This brings 2B03 over to Conn. Ave. NW, including the business district, and creates a more compact 2B02.

- The area south of Q Street down to the Circle, between Conn. Ave. NW and NH Ave. NW, go into 2B03. This brings 2B03 adjacent to the Circle and results in compact 2B02, 2B03, and 2B07 SMDs.
- Census block 42.01.1006 moves from 2B03 to 2B09. This leaves 2B03 in the preferred population range and creates a more compact 2B03.
- Census block 42.01.1005 moves from 2B08 to 2B09. This leaves 2B09 in the preferred population range while leaving both districts compact.
- The area south of the Circle, between 19th St. NW and Conn. Ave. NW, down to Jefferson Pl. NW, go into 2B07. This creates a more compact 2B07 and 2B06 while better distributing business district areas between ANC's.
- No changes to 2B04 or 2B05.

### **Resulting SMD Populations**

The following are the final population figures with the proposed new SMD boundaries:

- 2B01 = 1,902
- 2B02 = 2,149
- 2B03 = 1,974
- 2B04 = 2,079
- 2B05 = 1,942
- 2B06 = 2,061
- 2B07 = 2,083
- 2B08 = 1,979
- 2B09 = 1,992

### **Proposed Legal Descriptions**

The following are the proposed legal descriptions that match the recommended new boundaries for each SMD in ANC 2B.

#### **Description of Single Member District 2B01:**

- All streets are in the Northwest quadrant.
- Beginning at the intersection of Florida Avenue and 19<sup>th</sup> Street;
- South on 19<sup>th</sup> Street to Swann Street;
- East on Swann Street to New Hampshire Avenue;
- Southwest on New Hampshire Avenue to Riggs Place;
- West on Riggs Place to 19<sup>th</sup> Street;
- South on 19<sup>th</sup> Street to R Street;
- West on R Street to Florida Avenue;

- Northeast on Florida Avenue to the point of beginning.

**Description of Single Member District 2B02:**

- All streets are in the Northwest quadrant.
- Beginning at the intersection of Florida Avenue and R Street;
- East on R Street to Connecticut Avenue;
- Southeast on Connecticut Avenue to Dupont Circle;
- Clockwise around Dupont Circle to 19<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Continuing clockwise around Dupont Circle to Connecticut Avenue;
- Continuing clockwise around Dupont Circle to New Hampshire Avenue;
- Southwest on New Hampshire Avenue to O Street;
- West on O Street to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street;
- North on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to P Street;
- East on P Street to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street;
- North on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, and Florida Avenue;
- Northeast on Florida Avenue to the point of beginning.

**Description of Single Member District 2B03:**

- All streets are in the Northwest quadrant.
- Beginning at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street;
- South on 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Q Street;
- West on Q Street to New Hampshire Avenue;
- Southwest on New Hampshire Avenue to Dupont Circle;
- Counter-clockwise around Dupont Circle to Connecticut Avenue;
- Northwest on Connecticut Avenue to R Street;
- East on R Street to 19<sup>th</sup> Street;
- North on 19<sup>th</sup> Street to Riggs Place;
- West on Riggs Place to New Hampshire Avenue;
- Northeast on New Hampshire Avenue to the point of beginning.

**Description of Single Member District 2B04:**

- All streets are in the Northwest quadrant.

- Beginning at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street and S Street;
- East on S Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street;
- South on 15<sup>th</sup> Street to Q Street;
- West on Q Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street;
- North on 17<sup>th</sup> Street to the point of beginning.

**Description of Single Member District 2B05:**

- All streets are in the Northwest quadrant.
- Beginning at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Q Street;
- East on Q Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street;
- South on 15<sup>th</sup> Street to I (“Eye”) Street;
- Southwest on Vermont Avenue to H Street;
- East on H Street to 15<sup>th</sup> Street;
- South on 15<sup>th</sup> Street to Pennsylvania Avenue;
- West on Pennsylvania Avenue to 17<sup>th</sup> Street;
- North on 17<sup>th</sup> Street to K Street;
- Northwest on Connecticut Avenue to 18<sup>th</sup> Street;
- North on 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Massachusetts Avenue;
- Southeast on Massachusetts Avenue to 17<sup>th</sup> Street;
- North on 17<sup>th</sup> Street to the point of beginning.

**Description of Single Member District 2B06:**

- All streets are in the Northwest quadrant.
- Beginning at the intersection of P Street and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street;
- South on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to O Street;
- East on O Street to New Hampshire Avenue;
- Northeast on New Hampshire Avenue to Dupont Circle;
- Counter-clockwise around Dupont Circle to 19<sup>th</sup> Street;
- South on 19<sup>th</sup> Street to Jefferson Place;
- East on Jefferson Place to Connecticut Avenue;
- Southeast on Connecticut Avenue to K Street;
- South on 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Pennsylvania Avenue;
- Northwest on Pennsylvania Avenue to 20<sup>th</sup> Street;

- North on 20<sup>th</sup> Street to N Street;
- West on N Street to New Hampshire Avenue;
- Southwest on New Hampshire Avenue to Ward Place;
- Northwest on Ward Place to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street;
- North on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to N Street;
- West on N Street to its end at 25<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Continuing west a line extending N Street in the same direction to the centerline of Rock Creek;
- Continuing north on the centerline of Rock Creek to P Street;
- East on P Street to the point of beginning.

**Description of Single Member District 2B07:**

- All streets are in the Northwest quadrant.
- Beginning at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Q Street;
- East on Q Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street;
- South on 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Massachusetts Avenue;
- Northwest on Massachusetts Avenue to 18<sup>th</sup> Street;
- South on 18<sup>th</sup> Street to Jefferson Place;
- West on Jefferson Place to 19<sup>th</sup> Street;
- North on 19<sup>th</sup> Street to Dupont Circle;
- Counter-clockwise around Dupont Circle to New Hampshire Avenue;
- Northeast on New Hampshire Avenue to the point of beginning.

**Description of Single Member District 2B08:**

- All streets are in the Northwest quadrant.
- Beginning at the intersection of Florida Avenue and U Street;
- East on U Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Southwest on New Hampshire Avenue to T Street;
- West on T Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street;
- South on 17<sup>th</sup> Street to New Hampshire Avenue;
- Southwest on New Hampshire Avenue to Swann Street;
- West on Swann Street NW to 19<sup>th</sup> Street;
- North on 19<sup>th</sup> Street to Florida Avenue;

- Northeast on Florida Avenue to the point of beginning.

**Description of Single Member District 2B09:**

- All streets are in the Northwest quadrant.
- Beginning at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> Street and U Street;
- East on U Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street;
- South on 14<sup>th</sup> Street to S Street;
- West on S Street to 17<sup>th</sup> Street;
- North on 17<sup>th</sup> Street to T Street;
- East on T Street to New Hampshire Avenue;
- Northeast on New Hampshire Avenue to the point of beginning.