



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

September 7, 2010

Council of the District of Columbia
The Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Resolution in Support of ANC Exception to Open Meetings Legislation

Dear Members of the Council:

At its regular meeting on September 7, 2010, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of nine Commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following motion by a vote of (7-1):

Whereas Council Member Bowser and others have sponsored an Open Meetings bill to increase transparency in DC government;

Whereas a prior bill introduced by former Council Member Patterson, B16-747, included an amendment that provided an exception for ANCs;

Whereas in order to (1) advocate for constituent services, (2) follow up on resolutions or motions passed by the commission, (3) resolve problems with public works or development projects, (4) get to know relevant government officials, or (5) learn more about how the municipal government works, ANC 2B commissioners often have discussions, walk-throughs, or even training sessions with DC Government officials, and requiring public notice of all such sessions would be unduly burdensome;

Therefore be it resolved that while ANC 2B supports more transparent government in principle, ANC 2B opposes the legislation as too burdensome and requests that accommodation be made to allow ANC commissioners greater flexibility.

I am the the Commission’s representative in this matter. You can reach me at will.stephens@dupontcircleanc.net or by telephone at 202-527-9522 for further information.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William F. Stephens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Will Stephens, Chairman

cc: Gottlieb Simon, Office of ANCs (gottlieb.simon@dc.gov)
ANCs of the District of Columbia