

ANC 2B Resolution 2B-2024-0301

March 13th, 2024

WHEREAS, Dupont Circle has hosted the annual Capital Pride Celebration 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 2024 Parade, Block party, and Festival, scheduled for June 8, 2024, and June 9, 2024, respectively,

WHEREAS the 2024 Capital Pride Parade will honor the event's history with a route beginning on 14th Street and ending on Penn Ave NW 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 8, 2024, as approved by the Mayor's Special Event Task Group, and

WHEREAS, this year's Capital Pride Parade is the 49th annual and is a critical building block toward WorldPride Washington, DC, on the occasion of the 50th celebration in one year 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, Block Party, 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 (2B01@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission's sole representative in this matter.