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RE: DC Council Bill B24-0802 – the "Green New Deal for Housing Amendment Act of 2022"

Dear Councilmember Bonds and Councilmember McDuffie,

At its regular meeting on November 16, 2022, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner Epstein, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, DC Council Bill B24-0802 – the "Green New Deal for Housing Amendment Act of 2022" will establish an Office of Social Housing Developments to foster the construction, maintenance, and growth of District-owned residential properties designed to be mixed-income housing,

WHEREAS, in addition to constructing new housing, the Office would be able to convert existing properties into social housing developments, which would also be eligible for Housing Production Trust Fund money,

WHEREAS, one third of the social housing developments' units would be deeply affordable (0-30% AMI) and another third would be affordable (30-50% AMI). The remaining third of the units would be priced to subsidize the affordable units with regard to the overall cost of each development. Each development could also be subsidized by market-rate commercial space,

WHEREAS, every social housing development could have a tenant leadership board elected by residents. Leadership boards would be allowed to set bylaws and building rules and manage a community budget,



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WHEREAS, any service agreements for a social housing development would be subject to the review and approval of the leadership board. The leadership board would also have the power to initiate a search for new vendors if a majority of the board finds current service unsatisfactory, and

WHEREAS, this legislation would address three areas of crisis: affordable housing, climate change, and labor opportunities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports DC Council Bill B24-0802 – the "Green New Deal for Housing Amendment Act of 2022" as one avenue to address the current housing crisis and to increase the amount of affordable and stable housing.

Commissioners Trupti Patel (<u>2A03@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Joel Causey (<u>2A02@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Joel Causey

Sincerely,

Joel Causey Chairperson