



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

August 1, 2022

Councilmember Charles Allen
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: DC Council Bill B24-0300 – the “Local Resident Voting Rights Act of 2021”

Dear Councilmember Allen,

At its regular meeting on July 20, 2022, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**7-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner Causey, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, one in seven DC residents is an immigrant, about one in nine residents is a native-born U.S. citizen with at least one immigrant parent, one in six DC workers is an immigrant, and they contribute more than a billion dollars in taxes,

WHEREAS, immigrants account for one in six of all self-employed DC residents, immigrants generate more than a \$140 million in DC business income each year, and DC residents in immigrant-led households have more than \$3 billion in spending power,

WHEREAS, in 2018, DC was home to 50,612 women, 40,673 men, and 6,561 children who were immigrants. The top countries of origin for immigrants were El Salvador (eleven percent of immigrants), Ethiopia (seven percent), Mexico (three percent), Trinidad & Tobago (three percent), and China (three percent),

WHEREAS, it is unclear exactly how many DC residents are green card holders, however based on data from the Migration Policy Institute, out of 85,333 immigrants in DC in 2019, 51.3% or 43,781 were “noncitizens.” To add on, 10% of the city’s population is foreign-born, and as of 2018, immigrants accounted for 17% of the DC labor force, and

WHEREAS, many of those immigrants and many green card holders have been lawful residents for a significant time. As of 2018, almost 20% of the immigrants living in DC were eligible for naturalization.



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the passage and implementation of DC Council Bill B24-0300 – the “Local Resident Voting Rights Act of 2021.”

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

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Joel Causey
Chairperson