



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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February 23, 2023

Councilmember Robert White
Chair, Committee on Housing
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: DC Council’s Performance Oversight Hearing for the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA)

Dear Councilmember White,

At its regular meeting on February 15, 2023, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted (6-1-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner Comer, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in October, 19 2022 ANC 2A voted 4-2-1 to adopt a resolution in response to the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) audit report by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD),

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2022 the DC Council unanimously passed the “Housing Authority Accountability Emergency Amendment Act of 2022” in response to the HUD audit report,

WHEREAS, the emergency legislation called for a smaller board focused on stabilization and reform, however it eliminated board members elected by public housing residents,

WHEREAS, the DCHA board has acted as a rubber stamp instead of a critical eye, allowing for continued systemic failures to become pervasive and untenable,

WHEREAS, the critics on the board stood their ground and performed due diligence, uncovering dysfunction and raising the alarm, and

WHEREAS, there is a deep distrust of leadership in addressing the crisis at DCHA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A encourages the DC Council to introduce permanent legislation to address the DCHA crisis based on the following recommendations:

- Prioritizing safe and sanitary public housing



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- Refocusing the authority’s mission on the lowest-income renters
- Strengthening board capacity and expertise
- Board accountability
- Enhanced DC Council oversight
- Transparency in finance and operations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports permanent legislation based on the outlined recommendations.

Commissioners Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) and Joel Causey (2A06@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Joel Causey
Chairperson