



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

March 10, 2023

Chairman Phil Mendelson
Chair, Committee of the Whole
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: DC Council’s Performance Oversight Hearing for the Department of Buildings (DOB)

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

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 (**5-1-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner Comer, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there have been numerous issues plaguing ANC 2A03, including:

- vacant and blighted properties
- illegal construction
- an illegal weed dispensary

WHEREAS, in September of 2020 ANC 2A adopted a resolution amplifying the urgency around an illegal weed dispensary impacting the safety of Snows Court NW residents,

WHEREAS, in 2022 the Office of Attorney General for the District of Columbia (OAG) won the largest settlement against DARO Management Services in U.S. history,

WHEREAS, the multi-unit building Circle Arms Apartments, which is managed by DARO, has committed numerous violations impacting the quality of life for Snows Court NW residents,

WHEREAS, numerous 3-1-1 requests regarding illegal construction at Circle Arms Apartments were submitted by numerous residents in 2022,

WHEREAS, the then-Department of Consumer Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) failed to address the issue of illegal construction in a timely manner, and



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WHEREAS, vacant and blight properties in ANC 2A03 pose a threat to the health and safety of residents, including:

- A dead body being discovered inside of one property
- A gas leak that could have caused an explosion of one block

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council, along with the Office of Attorney General for the District of Columbia, to remedy these outstanding issues.

Commissioner Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Jim Malec
Vice Chairperson