May 2, 2023

Chairman Phil Mendelson Chair, Committee on the Whole Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504 Washington, DC 20004 pmendelson@dccouncil.gov

**RE:** Citywide Budget Priorities

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

At its regular meeting on April 19, 2023, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A ("ANC 2A" or "Commission") considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of nine commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted (4-1-2), after a motion made by Commissioner Omictin and seconded by Commissioner Bandy, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2024 budget has cut and defunded many citywide priorities, and

WHEREAS, while not exhaustive, ANC 2A believes that the following citywide priorities should not be eliminated or cut:

- Fully fund baby bonds legislation (\$54 million<sup>1</sup>)
- Fully fund the Domestic Worker Employment Rights Amendment Act (\$912,000²)
- Fully fund the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act (\$2.06 million<sup>3</sup>)
- Fully fund the Metro for DC Amendment Act (\$32 million<sup>4</sup>)
- Revert the reallocation of DC CARES funding for workers excluded from pandemic relief (\$20 million<sup>5</sup>)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that funding be found for the above pieces of legislation.

Commissioners Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) and Jim Malec (2A02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> D.C. Officials Defunded Anti-Poverty Program In Error | DCist

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> REV02232023 Digital Complete-2024-Budget-Platform pages.pdf (fairbudget.org)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Fare-Free Buses In Jeopardy As D.C. Revenue Projections Drop (dcist.com)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Final DC budget includes money for excluded workers, no new housing investments – TheDCLine.org

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Jim Malec

Vice Chairperson

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