

1 **WHEREAS**, The mission of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is to enforce
2 the laws of the District of Columbia, provide legal services to the District government, and
3 independently and objectively pursue the public interest,
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5 **WHEREAS**, On November 2, 2010, 76% of District voters, acting by referendum, approved a
6 Council-enacted amendment to the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to make, for the first
7 time, the Attorney General of the District of Columbia an elected office.
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9 **WHEREAS**, The overall purpose of the Attorney General Act and the attendant changes to the
10 Home Rule Act was to elevate and strengthen the position of Attorney General, ensure the
11 position’s independence, and significantly enhance the Attorney General’s ability to serve the
12 interests of the District of Columbia and its residents in an objective and independent fashion,
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14 **WHEREAS**, The 2014 election was the culmination of a grassroots referendum that demanded
15 an Attorney General who would be directly accountable to residents and bound to pursue the
16 public interest. No longer subordinate to the Mayor, OAG was elevated, strengthened, and
17 empowered to serve District residents,
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19 **WHEREAS**, On February 21, 2024, ANC 2A passed a resolution flagging issues and concerns
20 around the Restaurant Revitalization and Dram Shop Clarification Amendment Act¹ (“Dram
21 Shop Plus”), as it weakened consumer rights as well as workers’ ability to determine wage theft,

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23 **WHEREAS**, The Consumer Protection Division, along with the Worker’s Rights and Anti-
24 Fraud section, will get inundated with numerous complaints and cases they will have to try on
25 behalf of consumers and workers as a result of Dram Shop Plus,

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27 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2A urges the Council to provide additional
28 funding so that the Consumer Rights Division and Worker’s Rights and Anti-Fraud section can
29 be expanded, so that they can continue to advocate for D.C. residents.

¹ [B25-0056 - Dram Shop Clarification Amendment Act of 2023 \(now known as "Restaurant Revitalization and Dram Shop Clarification Amendment Act of 2023"\) \(dccouncil.gov\)](https://dccouncil.gov/bills/2023/0056/)