

Sponsors: Vice-Chairperson Trupti Patel (2A03)

Introduced: April 12, 2024

Title: A Resolution Regarding Budget Oversight and the Criminal Code Revision Commission.

1 **WHEREAS**, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) at its
2 regular meeting in April 2023, passed the Criminal Code Revision Commission (CCRC) Budget
3 Oversight Resolution¹:

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5 **WHEREAS**, On April 3, 2024, the Mayor submitted her proposed FY 2025 budget, which is set
6 to defund the Criminal Code Revision Commission (CCRC)²,

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8 **WHEREAS**, The Mayor’s elimination of funding is in direct conflict with the legislative history
9 of D.C. Code § 3-151 et seq making CCRC permanent in the bill the Mayor later signed³,

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11 **WHEREAS**, In 2016, the Council created the CCRC as an independent agency and directed it to
12 provide recommendations that improve the clarity, consistency, completeness, organization, and
13 proportionality of criminal statutes⁴,

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15 **WHEREAS**, The statute creating CCRC also established an Advisory Group with connections
16 throughout the criminal justice community to:

¹ [ANC-2A-RESOLUTION-CCRC-2023-Budget-Oversight-DC-COUNCIL.pdf \(anc2a.org\)](#)

² [Washington D C -2023-B25-0787-Introduced.pdf \(legiscan.com\)](#) (page 7)

³ See D.C. Code § 3-152(d); Committee of the Whole, Report on Bill 23-0760, the “Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Act of 2020” at 14 (stating: “Subtitle A. Criminal Code Reform Commission Amendment Act of 2020: Eliminates the sunset provision for the Commission, making it a permanent agency, clarifies its ongoing duties, and requires annual reporting to the Council of its activities.”).

⁴ [§ 3–151. Establishment of the Criminal Code Reform Commission. | D.C. Law Library \(dccouncil.gov\)](#)

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- 17 • provide comments on all the agency’s draft revisions,
18 • examine model codes and best practices in other jurisdictions, as well as relevant
19 court statistics,
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21 **WHEREAS,** For a decade, the advisory group members conducted over 50 monthly meetings
22 that contained informed and thorough feedback from critical stakeholders and were submitted to
23 the Council after intensive research and review and with feedback from critical stakeholders with
24 both consensus and competing views,
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26 **WHEREAS,** The CCRC helped the Council make textual changes to the Revised Criminal Code
27 Act of 2022 (RCCA) after the submission of recommendations that actually accomplished their
28 legislative goals and aligned with their values without unintended consequences to other statutes,
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30 **WHEREAS,** The passage of an amended RCCA requires the type of detailed and expert
31 understanding of every aspect of the revised criminal code that only comes from the type of
32 continuity of work on the code performed by CCRC as it was a massive bill, 273 pages, that
33 affected not only the entire criminal code but statutes throughout the entire D.C. Code,
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35 **WHEREAS,** The CCRC will play a critical role in advising the Council on amendments to a
36 new version of the RCCA when it is introduced to ensure consistency with existing provisions,

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37 as well as on implementation of the new law through trainings to practitioners, community
38 outreach, and expert oversight advice;

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40 **WHEREAS**, the CCRC has a critical role as an independent agency to play in revising other
41 statutes and making recommendations for other criminal code reforms beyond the RCCA,

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43 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ANC 2A does not support the elimination of the
44 Criminal Code Revision Commission.

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46 **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 2A urges the Council to full restore
47 the funding for the Criminal Code Revision Commission.