



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

June 25, 2025

TO: Matthew Frumin, Ward 3 Council Member of the District of Columbia,
Chair of the Committee on Human Services
Suite 408
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington DC, 20004

RE: Department Human Services Budget Oversight Resolution

At its regular meeting on June 18, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With five commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission, after a motion made by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner DiCapo, adopted the following resolution by 3-2-0:

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting in April 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “the Commission”) adopted a performance oversight [resolution](#)¹ addressed to the Council’s Committee on Human Services regarding the Department of Human Services (DHS);

WHEREAS, in May 2023, The George Washington University (GWU) announced it had sold the Aston—a former graduate student dormitory located at 1129 New Hampshire Avenue N.W.—to the District of Columbia Government through the Department of General Services (DGS) for \$27.5 million;

WHEREAS, the Aston was repurposed to become the District’s first high-barrier homeless shelter, primarily serving adults with acute medical conditions, mixed-gender adult families, and couples experiencing homelessness—populations that are underserved in traditional shelter models;

WHEREAS, the facility can house up to 190 residents at peak capacity, with up to two people per room and a private bathroom in each unit, and residents must meet admission criteria and agree to participate in intensive case management services;

WHEREAS, ANC 2A has placed particular scrutiny on the facility’s operations and condition due to long-standing concerns about mold and water leakage [issues](#)² reported during the building’s prior use as a GWU dormitory—issues that may now pose challenges for the District’s stewardship;

WHEREAS, in June 2023, ANC 2A passed a [resolution](#)³ supporting the Aston project contingent on specific conditions being met and outstanding community questions being

¹ [DHS-Performance-Oversight-Resolution-2025.pdf](#)

² <https://gwhatchet.com/2022/04/11/aston-residents-detail-turbulent-year-of-maintenance-issues/>

³ <https://anc2a.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ANC-2A-RESOLUTION-CR-23-003-DGS-1.pdf>



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addressed;

WHEREAS, ANC 2A, through multiple resolutions and testimony from Commissioner Patel during the FY 2025 budget cycle, has consistently advocated for transparency and meaningful community engagement regarding the facility’s condition and operations;

WHEREAS, on Friday, February 21, 2025, a Pepco power outage affecting the West End neighborhood forced the evacuation of Aston residents, highlighting a critical vulnerability in the facility’s infrastructure;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 2A respectfully requests that the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of General Services (DGS) allocate dedicated funding for the purchase and installation of an emergency generator at the Aston, in order to ensure that medically vulnerable residents can safely shelter in place during power outages.

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

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Trupti Patel
Chairperson

CC:

Kevin Donahue, City Administrator, Washington DC

Jenny Reed, Director, Office of Budget and Performance Management

Jennifer Budoff, DC Council Budget Director

Phil Mendelson, Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia

Christiana Henderson, At-Large Councilmember of the District of Columbia

Robert C. White, Jr., At-Large Councilmember of the District of Columbia

Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Councilmember of the District of Columbia

Zachary Parker, Ward 5 Councilmember of the District of Columbia

Wendell Felder, Ward 7 Councilmember of the District of Columbia

Rachel Pierre, Interim Director, Department of Human Services

David Ross, Chief of Staff, Department of Human Services

Anthony Newman, Deputy Administrator, Homeless Services, Department of Human Services

Wayne Turnidge, Deputy Mayor Health & Human Services



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