



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

June 25, 2025

TO: Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Council Member of the District of Columbia
Chairperson-Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004

RE: Sanctuary Values Amendment Act of 2020 Budget Performance Oversight Resolution 2025

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 4-0-1:

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia unanimously passed the *Sanctuary Values Amendment Act of 2020* (D.C. Law 23-282), which permanently limits local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement in the absence of a judicial warrant, in order to protect immigrant communities¹;

WHEREAS, the Act addresses federal detainer requests—when Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) asks local law enforcement or correctional facilities to hold an individual beyond their release time for ICE pick-up;

WHEREAS, the law prohibits D.C. agencies from honoring such detainer requests without a warrant or judicial order, and further bars federal immigration officials from questioning individuals in the city’s custody;

WHEREAS, Mayor Muriel Bowser reaffirmed this commitment in her August 24, 2020 statement calling D.C. a “proud sanctuary city” and pledged support for legal services to provide “peace of mind to the immigrant communities that strengthen the District’s diversity and prosperity”;²

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C. has a longstanding history as a Sanctuary City, ensuring that all residents—regardless of immigration status—are treated with dignity, protected from unjust targeting, encouraged to access city services without fear of deportation, and afforded due process under the law;

WHEREAS, over 95,000 residents—14.1% of the District’s population—are foreign-born;

¹ [D.C. Law 23-282. Sanctuary Values Amendment Act of 2020. | D.C. Law Library](#)

² [Mayor Bowser Announces \\$2.5 Million Available for Immigrant Justice Legal Services Grant Program | Mayors Office of Community Affairs](#)



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WHEREAS, the Mayor’s FY2026 Budget Support Act (Title III, Subtitle F) proposes repealing Section 7 of *An Act to Create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia* (D.C. Law 19-194; D.C. Official Code § 24-211.07), which currently prohibits local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement absent a judicial warrant;

WHEREAS, repealing this provision would dismantle core Sanctuary City protections and expose immigrant residents to increased harassment, racial profiling, and the threat of deportation—even during routine encounters with local agencies;

WHEREAS, in May 2025, ICE conducted targeted enforcement actions in the District, disproportionately impacting undocumented workers in the restaurant and gig economy sectors, and sparking fear among families and communities;

WHEREAS, immigrant labor is vital to D.C.’s economy, especially in industries such as hospitality, construction, food service, and caregiving; removing protections risks destabilizing the workforce and diminishing productivity and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) has consistently stated that it does not enforce civil immigration laws or cooperate with ICE, a policy that has fostered trust with immigrant communities and should be publicly reaffirmed;³

WHEREAS, repealing sanctuary protections will diminish civic participation, heighten fear, and exacerbate systemic inequities for Black, Brown, immigrant, and LGBTQ+ residents, who already face disproportionate harm from law enforcement;

WHEREAS, there is substantial evidence and numerous ongoing legal cases showing that even U.S. citizens have been unlawfully detained and deported by federal immigration authorities, in violation of due process;

WHEREAS, law enforcement experts and public safety studies confirm that sanctuary policies improve community safety by encouraging immigrants to report crimes and assist in investigations without fear of deportation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (ANC 2A) **strongly opposes** the Mayor’s proposal to repeal the District’s sanctuary protections, including the repeal of Section 7 of D.C. Law 19-194 as outlined in the FY2026 Budget Support Act;

³ [Title](#)-Immigration Enforcement Reminder and the Sanctuary Values Amendment Act of 2020 Number EO-21-007



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THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 2A **urges the Council of the District of Columbia to strike Title III, Subtitle F** of the FY2026 Budget Support Act and uphold the full protections of the *Sanctuary Values Amendment Act of 2020*;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 2A **calls upon Mayor Bowser and all members of the Council to publicly reaffirm Washington, D.C.’s status as a Sanctuary City and commit to protecting all District residents, regardless of immigration status.**

Commissioner Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission’s representatives 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 DC Council
Christiana Henderson, At-Large Member DC Council
Robert White, At-Large Member DC Council
Kenyan McDuffie, At-Large Member DC Council
Anita Bonds, At-Large Member DC Council
Brienne Nadeau, Ward 1 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Matthew Frumin, Ward 3 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
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