



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

September 30, 2025

TO:

Muriel Bowser, Mayor, The District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Condemning Extended Federal Law Enforcement Coordination

At its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With four of five commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission, after a motion made by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner Malec, adopted the following resolution by **(4-0-0)**:

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2025, Mayor Muriel Bowser issued Mayor's Order 2025-090 extending the operation of the Safe & Beautiful Emergency Operations Center (SBEOC), directing personnel to coordinate with federal law enforcement agencies during and after the federal “crime emergency” declared by President Trump, which was set to expire on September 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the federal surge, which involved deployment of agencies including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Marshals, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Alcohol Tobacco Firearms (ATF), Secret Service, Park Police, and Capitol Police, has been criticized for undermining the District’s home rule and rights to self governance—criticism echoed in protests and legal challenges by local officialsⁱ; and

WHEREAS, numerous D.C. residents and advocacy groups have condemned the federal presence as an ongoing occupation and “direct threat to democracy,” urging Congress and local officials to terminate it swiftlyⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwalb has filed a lawsuit asserting that the federalization of local law enforcement and continued National Guard deployment violate the Home Rule Act and Posse Comitatus Actⁱⁱⁱ; and

WHEREAS, although Mayor Bowser has lauded crime reductions—such as an 87% drop in carjackings—as benefits of federal involvement^{iv}, community advocates have raised concerns about militarization and an erosion of public trust, especially as masked, unidentified officers patrol communities^v;



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A condemns the extension of the SBEOC’s coordination with federal law enforcement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 2A urges Mayor Bowser to:

1. End any ongoing federal coordination immediately, unless explicitly directed by Congress;
2. Reaffirm and restore full operational control and autonomy to the Metropolitan Police Department under local authority;
3. Support and respect legal action and advocacy efforts challenging unlawful federal overreach and restoring D.C.’s home rule; and
4. Commit publicly to transparent policing based solely on local authority and responsive to community oversight—not federal command.

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:

Muriel Bowser, Mayor, The District of Columbia
Pamela Smith, Chief, Metropolitan Police Department, The District of Columbia
Lindsey Appiah, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety & Justice, The District of Columbia
Brian Schwalb, Attorney General, The District of Columbia
Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
Kenyan McDuffie, At-Large Council Member, Council of the District of Columbia
Robert White, At-Large Council Member, Council of the District of Columbia
Christina Henderson, At-Large Council Member, Council of the District of Columbia
Anita Bonds, At-Large Council Member, Council of the District of Columbia
Brienne Nadeau, Ward 1 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Matthew Frumin, Ward 3 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Janeese Lewis George, Ward 4 Councilmember of the District of Columbia



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Zachary Parker, Ward 5 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Wendell Felder, Ward 7 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
Trayon White, Ward 8 Councilmember of the District of Columbia

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