



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

September 8, 2025

TO:

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton
2136 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING FEDERAL OVERREACH IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA POLICING AND DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF LOCAL FUNDS

At its emergency meeting on August 27th, 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 voted unanimously (**4-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner Youngstone, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission ANC 2A (“ANC 2A”) represents the residents of the West End, Historic Foggy Bottom and the George Washington University Neighborhoods, Ward 2, and the District of Columbia, which possesses the right to local self-governance under the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973 (“Home Rule Act”); and

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners take an oath of office to faithfully execute the laws of the United States and the District of Columbia, to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and to faithfully discharge the duties of their office, including safeguarding the District’s home rule authority, democratic governance, and accountability to its residents; and

WHEREAS, Section 740 of the Home Rule Act permits the President of the United States to assume control of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for up to 48 hours without notifying Congress, and for a maximum of 30 days without an enacted joint resolution of approval — authority intended only for genuine emergencies; and



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WHEREAS, on August 11, 2025, President Donald J. Trump invoked Section 740 to federalize MPD,¹ without identifying the underlying “special conditions of an emergency nature” with sufficient specificity to determine when those conditions have ended;² and

WHEREAS, the President has deployed approximately 800 D.C. National Guard troops and 500 federal law enforcement agents to “address the epidemic of crime in our Nation’s capital” alongside District policing operations, and has directed the Secretary of Defense to coordinate with state governors and authorize additional members of the National Guard to active service,³ despite violent crime in the District being at a 30-year low, according to the U.S. Department of Justice;⁴ and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, the President stated his intent to seek long-term extensions from Congress to the federalization of MPD, and declined to rule out the possibility of declaring a national emergency to bypass Congressional approval;⁵ and

WHEREAS, this federal intervention blatantly undermines local reforms, disrupts critical community policing relationships, erodes trust in local law enforcement, and risks replacing data-driven strategies with politically motivated interventions; and

WHEREAS, the invocation of public safety is nothing more than a political smokescreen for an authoritarian intrusion into the District’s local governance, designed to distract from the real aim of stripping residents of our right to self-determination and tightening federal control over our city; and

WHEREAS, Congress has withheld over \$1 billion in locally raised funds from the District, forcing the city to revert to its fiscal year 2024 spending levels, thus jeopardizing public safety, education, health care, and other essential public services;

¹ “Executive Order 14333 of August 11, 2025, Declaring a Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia,” Federal Register 90, no. 155 (August 14, 2025): 39301, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-08-14/pdf/2025-15550.pdf>.

² cf. Complaint, District of Columbia v. Donald J. Trump, et al., No. 1:25-cv-02678, (D.D.C.).

³ U.S. President, Memorandum, “Restoring Law and Order in the District of Columbia,” August 11, 2025, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/08/restoring-law-and-order-in-the-district-of-columbia>.

⁴ U.S. Department of Justice, “Violent Crime in D.C. Hits 30 Year Low,” January 3, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/violent-crime-dc-hits-30-year-low>.

⁵ “President Trump Visits the Kennedy Center,” C-SPAN, August 13, 2025, <https://www.c-span.org/program/white-house-event/president-trump-visits-the-kennedy-center/664174>.



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A condemns the federal takeover of the District of Columbia’s Metropolitan Police Department and the deployment of federally directed police and National Guard units for purposes unrelated to an actual emergency, and demands their immediate removal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission:

1. **Urges** Congress to reject any joint resolution extending the federal control of MPD beyond 30 days and to pass legislation, including the D.C. National Guard Home Rule Act, to eliminate federal control over local police and to strengthen D.C. self-governance;
2. **Implores** Congress to immediately restore the \$1 billion in locally raised funds to the District’s budget so that local leadership can ensure that investments prioritize community needs, including education, workforce development, health care, and other critical services that allow families and neighborhoods to thrive;
3. **Supports** legal challenges by the District government, advocacy organizations, and residents contesting that the statutory emergency threshold under Section 740 has been lawfully met; and
4. **Demands** full public transparency from the White House, the U.S. Department of Justice, MPD leadership, and the heads of all federal agencies whose officers are deployed in the District regarding the mission, rules of engagement, officer identifiability, arrest criteria, geographic scope, and anticipated duration of the federal control order.

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:

Senate Majority Leader John Thune, United States Senate
Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, United States Senate
Speaker of The House Mike Johnson, United States House of Representatives



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House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, United States House of Representatives
Muriel Bowser, Mayor, The District of Columbia
Brian Schwalb, Attorney General, The District of Columbia
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Wendell Felder, Ward 7 Councilmember of the District of Columbia
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Kevin Donahue, City Administrator
Jenny Reed, Budget Director, Mayor’s Office
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