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August 29, 2025

TO:

RE: Resolution Concerning the Federal of District of Columbia Law Enforcement

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 (3-0-1), after a motion made by Commissioner Youngstone and seconded by Commissioner Patel, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS On Monday, August 11, President Donald Trump announced an unprecedented takeover of the District of Columbia (DC)'s Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the deployment of National Guard troops to DC, and the direction of federal law enforcement agencies to enact his priorities across the District;

WHEREAS One of the primary targets of this takeover has been the unhoused residents of ANC 2A, further increasing the already urgent need for shelter beds and other resources;

WHEREAS Tents across ANC 2A were removed with no official notice in the afternoon of Friday, August 15 by law enforcement operating under the aegis of the federal government, despite the fact that employees of the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services (DMHHS) had informed tent residents on Washington Circle that they would not be forced to move until the morning of Monday, August 18;

WHEREAS ANC 2A passed a resolution¹ at its regularly scheduled June meeting calling for Councilmember Brooke Pinto to lend her support to increasing the capacity of the Aston shelter to 190 beds due to the dire need for more beds in the DC shelter system, and since then has received no communication from the Councilmember's office on this matter;

https://resolutions.anc.dc.gov/AttachmentsFiles/5/June_18_Aston_Resolution_Commissioner_Youngston e TM 20250702032328PM.pdf



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WHEREAS Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto has remained largely absent from conversations concerning the federal takeover and has yet to conduct a town hall addressing constituent concerns:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That ANC 2A requests from MPD, the federal government, and DMHHS a summary as to how the assurance to residents of encampments on Washington Circle that they would not be forced to move their tents until Monday, August 18 got overridden in favor of an unscheduled clearance on Friday, August 15;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That ANC 2A calls on Councilmember Brooke Pinto to convene a town hall, to oppose the federal takeover of District of Columbia law enforcement, and to advocate on the behalf of vulnerable constituents who have been targeted by this takeover;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That ANC 2A reiterates its request to Councilmember Brooke Pinto that the capacity of the Aston be expanded to make full use of all 190 beds, and requests an immediate response from her on this matter.

Commissioner Sean Youngstone (<u>2A09@anc.dc.gov</u>) and Trupti Patel (<u>2A03@anc.dc.gov</u>) are the Commission's representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Trupti Patel Chairperson