



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

February 25, 2026

Anita Bonds, Councilmember at-large of the District of Columbia,
Chair of the Committee on Labor and Executive Administration
Suite 404
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington DC, 20004

Re: Department of Employment Services (DOES) Performance Oversight Resolution 2026

At its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With five of six commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission, after a motion made by Chairperson Patel and seconded by Commissioner Dicapò, adopted the following resolution by (2-1-2):

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A”) represents residents, workers, and businesses in Foggy Bottom and the West End, including a significant population of hospitality and tipped workers; and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A has previously gone on record raising concerns regarding unemployment insurance access, wage misreporting, and wage theft affecting District workers; and

WHEREAS, during and after the COVID-19 public health emergency, many workers were denied unemployment benefits due to employer wage misreporting, administrative delays, and system failures; and

WHEREAS, workers employed across multiple jurisdictions within the DMV region continue to face barriers accessing unemployment insurance due to the inability of current systems to properly recognize multi-state employment; and

WHEREAS, unemployment insurance serves as a critical economic lifeline for workers during periods of job loss, particularly in the hospitality sector, which remains vulnerable to layoffs and disruptions; and

WHEREAS, continued use of service fees by restaurants following the repeal of Initiative 82 raises ongoing concerns regarding wage transparency and labor cost shifting; and

WHEREAS, ANC 2A has received reports of difficulties navigating the updated DOES unemployment insurance portal, resulting in delayed or prolonged benefit access;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A calls on the Department of Employment Services to:

1. Establish a clear and timely remediation process for workers harmed by employer wage misreporting, including the correction of erroneous overpayment determinations.
2. Improve coordination and system functionality for workers employed across the DMV region to ensure eligible workers are not denied unemployment benefits due to jurisdictional barriers.
3. Strengthen oversight and enforcement related to employer wage reporting, particularly for tipped workers.
4. Improve usability, accessibility, and efficiency of the unemployment insurance filing system to prevent unnecessary delays.
5. Expand access to unemployment insurance benefits to reflect the realities of the District’s workforce, including workers who contribute to the economy but are currently excluded from meaningful access.

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

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Chairperson Trupti J Patel (she/her)
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A
Historic Foggy Bottom
Single Member District 2A03

CC:

Phil Mendelson, Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia
Doni Crawford, At-Large 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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Dr. Unique N. Morris-Hughes, Director, D.C. Office of Employment Services

Jimika Williams, Ward 2 Liaison, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services