



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

April 28, 2026

TO: Robert White Jr., At-Large, Council Member of the District of Columbia
Chairperson-Committee on Housing
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 107
Washington DC 20004

RE: Office of Tenant Advocate Performance Oversight Resolution 2026

At its regular meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six 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 Youngstone, adopted the following resolution by (2-4-0):

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A”) represents the interests of renters, homeowners, and residents of Historic Foggy Bottom; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Tenant Advocate (“OTA”) provides essential services to District residents, including legal advice and representation, tenant education, policy advocacy, and emergency housing assistance, all of which are critical to protecting tenants’ statutory rights; and

WHEREAS, OTA fulfills its statutory mandate by representing tenants and tenant organizations and by advocating for legislative, executive, and judicial actions that protect and strengthen tenant rights; and

WHEREAS, OTA monitors developments in local and federal rental housing laws and regulations and serves as a key source of timely information for tenants, advocates, and stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, OTA develops policy recommendations, including legislative and rulemaking proposals, and regularly coordinates with governmental agencies, community organizations, and other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, OTA provides expert guidance on District landlord-tenant statutes and regulations to tenants, advocates, attorneys, and government partners, serving as an authoritative resource on rental housing law; and

WHEREAS, the RENTAL Act, effective December 31, 2025, enacted significant changes to District landlord-tenant law, including revisions to eviction procedures, pre-filing notice

requirements, and long-standing tenant protections, thereby increasing the demand for tenant education, legal guidance, and advocacy services;

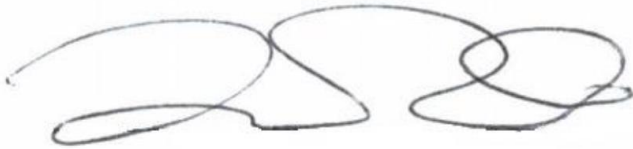
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 2A urges the DC Council to prioritize additional and sustained funding for the Office of the Tenant Advocate, an agency solely dedicated to protecting tenants' rights and ensuring District residents remain safely housed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ANC 2A calls on the DC Council to expand OTA's staffing capacity and resources commensurate with increased tenant need, evolving statutory responsibilities, and the heightened complexity of rental housing law.

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

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Trupti J Patel', written in a cursive style.

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

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 of the Council of the District of Columbia
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Johanna Shreve, Chief Tenant Advocate
Jimika Williams, Ward 2 Manager, Mayor's Office of Community Relations