

TO: Phil Mendelson, Chairman, At-Large Councilmember of the District of Columbia

July 7, 2026

FOR THE RECORD:

RE: ANC2A Resolution on Aston Cap

WHEREAS, the use of the Aston as a homeless facility was hotly debated because it was purchased from George Washington University without public notice and later proposed to be a homeless facility, which at first seemed to focus on medical and other services, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bowser and Ward 2 Councilmember Pinto reached a compromise after community pushback that allowed plans to use the Aston as Bridge Housing facility to move forward (without medical facilities and the like) subject to a phased increase in occupancy up to a cap of 100 people. [Microsoft Word - 2023.07.06 PR25-0296 Disapproval Resolution Withdrawal Memo \(2\).docx](#), and

WHEREAS, neither the compromise letter (See link above) nor the Aston Good Neighbor Agreement has language for further expanding the cap beyond 100, and

WHEREAS, it would be disingenuous for politicians to attempt to renege on an initial compromise on either the cap or the occupancy standards so soon after being hotly debated, and

WHEREAS, there has been no outreach to the community for any proposals or discussions about raising the cap, and

WHEREAS, the composition of the ANC2A Commission has changed since January (Dicapo resigned, Dolan and Gifford joined), and

WHEREAS, any support from the Aston Community Advisory Team (CAT) offered in January consisted of only three positive votes (out of a membership of 15), and

WHEREAS, the composition of the Aston Community Advisory Team (CAT) has changed since the vote in February (e.g. Dolan and Fleischer have joined)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 2A expresses its support for the current occupancy cap of 100 people at the Aston. At this level, the Aston should continue to try and demonstrate its success as a Bridge Housing facility enabling more qualified occupants to move successfully to permanent housing. Any consideration of deviating from the original agreement and increasing the Aston's maximum resident cap, or occupancy composition, should begin with a rigorous review by DHS and include an inclusive community engagement process.

Commissioner John Dolan (2A06@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

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