

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



March 21, 2023

Mr. Chuck Elkins  
Commissioner, ANC3D01  
PO Box 40846 Palisades Station  
Washington, DC 20016

RE: Official Statement of ANC 3A on Funding for ANCs in FY2023 District Budget

Dear Commissioner Elkins:

Thank you for sharing your draft testimony for the Budget Oversight Hearing on the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) on March 27, 2023. On behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3A, I would like to share the position adopted by our Commission by a vote of 4-0 at a duly noticed public meeting on March 21, 2023, at which a quorum was present. (Three of the five members constitute a quorum.) The Commission voted to approve the following statement:

The Commission supports the proposal for a base amount of annual funding be provided to smaller Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs), i.e., ANCs with fewer than 7 members, to supplement the allotments that they already receive.

We would like to see the Council adopt this proposal in order to ensure that all ANCs will have the necessary funding to be able to pay for administrative support they require in order to carry out their responsibilities.

I can attest from experience that our Commission, newly established as of January 1, 2023, with only 5 Commissioners, is going to have to forgo functions such as grantmaking and will still not have sufficient funds to pay for all the equipment and supporting services that an ANC would typically need to carry out all our assigned functions for the community and District. That will continue as long as the allotment follows the current formula based on the 2022 count of individuals residing in the Commission area. For any other Commissions with the same or fewer Commissioners, the challenge must be similar. As you note, there are 9 ANCs with 7 or fewer Commissioners, and we believe with total funding of \$14,000 per year or less, the current allotments create serious difficulties for each of the ANCs to pay for the administrative support they need and cover other expenses. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis  
Chair

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### Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners for ANC 3A (January 1, 2023-December 31, 2024)

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