

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3A



March 21, 2023

Councilmember Robert C. White, Jr.
Chairman, Committee on Housing
Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Suite 107
Washington, DC 20004

RE: Statement Submitted for the Record in the Budget Oversight Hearing on the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) on March 27, 2023

Dear Councilmember White:

On behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3A, I would like to share the position adopted by the 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.

Commissioner Chuck Elkins (ANC3D01) has made 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. As Chair of ANC 3A, I am designated to represent the Commission in sharing our official position. 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 grant-making and will still not have sufficient funds to pay for all the equipment and supporting services an ANC would typically need to carry out all our assigned functions for the community and District. That is likely to continue as long as the allotment follows a 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. There are 9 ANCs with 7 or fewer Commissioners, and with total funding of \$14,000 per year or less, the current allotment formula creates serious difficulties for them to pay for the administrative support they need and cover their other expenses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Bradley-Lewis
Chair

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

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