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**A RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7E**

**7E-20-010: Resolution Regarding Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Proposed Funding for the Office of  
Neighborhood Safety and Engagement**

**WHEREAS**, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) were created to “advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency with respect to all proposed matters of District government policy,” including the budget and public safety;

**WHEREAS**, the government of the District of Columbia by law is required to give “great weight” to comments from ANCs;

**WHEREAS**, on May 18, 2020, Mayor Muriel Bowser introduced her Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Budget and Financial Plan to the Council of the District of Columbia.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget was designed to provide a “fair shot” to all District residents despite projected reductions in the budget due to COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia (DC) Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) was created to address violence in the District while assisting families dealing with the grief and trauma caused by these occurrences. Additionally, it was created to serve as coordinator for citywide prevention efforts, responsible for playing an “on the ground” role in deterring negative activity in local communities.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget includes a 4% reduction in the overall budget of the ONSE. The proposed reduction includes, but is not limited to,

- \$800,000 reduction in **Violence Intervention Work**. The violence intervention work aims to reduce violence by establishing a strong presence in communities with high levels of violence. ONSE partners with residents, government agencies, and community-based organizations to reduce violence by building relationships with individuals and families most at risk of being directly affected by violence.
- \$410,000 reduction in funding for the **Leadership Academy**. The Leadership Academy works with a city-wide strategy to curtail violent behaviors in young adults by building

lasting relationships and providing place-based services and support in communities most impacted by violence. This activity also collaborates with intervention specialists, community partners, and sister government agencies to provide pro-social alternatives to antisocial behavior

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, ANC 7E respectfully requests the restoration of the proposed funding scheduled to be cut from the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) and a \$250,000 increase in the budget to support program operations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, ANC 7E requests the funding is restored to include the following:

- \$8000,000 to support Violence Intervention Work
- \$410,000 to support the Leadership Academy
- \$150,000 to support the development of a comprehensive, city-wide violence reduction plan and provide technical support to the ONSE.
- \$100,000 to support an external evaluation of the Violence Interruption work and support improvements to the overall model.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chair of the Commission and the Chair of the ANC7E's Public Safety Committee are designated to represent ANC 7E on this matter specifically to the Executive Office of the Mayor and Members of the Council of the District of Columbia.

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of   4   present at its June 9, 2019 meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E voted with   4   Yeas,   0   Nos and   0   Abstentions to adopt the above resolution.

**Attested by**

*Delia Houseal*

Delia L. Houseal  
Chairperson, ANC 7E