

A RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 7E

Resolution Regarding Proposed Final Redistricting Map

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, redistricting is a legally required process that occurs every ten (10) years, in which political boundaries must be drawn to create districts that are equitable in population.

WHEREAS, the process must be consistent with the following requirements: communities of interest, contiguity, compactness, and boundary preservation.

WHEREAS, based on official U.S. Census data released on September 16, 2021, three wards are above or below an acceptable population range: Wards 6 (above range by 17,699), Ward 7 (below range by 5,628) and Ward 8 (below range by 3,370).

WHEREAS, Ward 7 experienced the lowest population growth (6.3%), compared to other Wards in the city.

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2021, the Subcommittee on Redistricting released a proposed final redistricting map.

WHEREAS, the proposed map increases the population of Ward 7 to 81,997, which only raises the number of residents to 114 residents above the minimum threshold.

WHEREAS, the proposed map results in Ward 7 being the least populous Ward in the city, and results in Ward 7 being less populous than the next least populous Ward in the city, Ward 4 (84,660), by more than two thousand five hundred (2,500).

WHEREAS, the proposed final redistricting map threatens to dilute the vote of Ward 7 residents relative to other Wards, due to the relative overall populations of Wards in the proposed final redistricting map --particularly relevant in At-Large and other City-Wide elections.

WHEREAS, portions of the Kingman Park neighborhood were redistricted out of Ward 7, and into Ward 6, even though Ward 6 currently falls above range by 17,699, and the proposed final redistricting map proposes Ward 6 to fall above range by over fifteen hundred (1,500).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 7E respectfully requests that the Council selects Ward boundaries that ensure Ward 7 increases in population, to at least the threshold of the average population, according to the 2020 Census of the District, identified as a population of eighty-six thousand one hundred ninety-three (86,193).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 7E respectfully requests that the Council selects Ward boundaries that facilitate each Ward having racial/ethnic and socioeconomic parity, and that

values, such as diversity, equity and inclusion are used to guide and inform the decision-making process.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, ANC 7E requests that the Council amend the proposed final map to include the entire Kingman Park Neighborhood and Rosedale in Ward 7, to increase the overall population of Ward 7 to a number equitable with all Wards of the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair, Tiera J. Fletcher of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E is designated to represent ANC 7E on this matter specifically to this resolution.

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of ____ present at its December 06, 2021 meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7E voted with ____ Yeas, ____ Nos and ____ Abstentions to adopt the above resolution.

Attested by

Tiera J. Fletcher

Chair, ANC 7E