



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

July 15, 2019

Mayor Muriel Bowser
Mayor
Government of the District of Columbia
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Washington, DC 20004
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RE: Funding Request for LGBTQ Grant Programs

Dear Mayor Bowser,

At its regular meeting on June 19, 2019, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“**ANC 2A**” or “**Commission**”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**7-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Goldin, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, fifteen LGBTQ organizations, ranging from SMYAL (Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League) to Mary’s House for Older Adults, jointly petitioned the DC Council to increase funding in the FY 2020 budget by \$3 million for the Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ Affairs,

WHEREAS, the request was for the creation of a competitive grant program focusing on health equity to support LGBTQ organizations. The programs were to focus on the most vulnerable and at-risk: youth (especially homeless youth), trans people, and senior citizens,

WHEREAS, the DC Council declined to fund this request,

WHEREAS, Zoe Spears, a 23 year old trans woman of color, was murdered on June 13, 2019 along Eastern Avenue – less than three months following the murder of another trans woman of color, Ashanti Carmon, at nearly the same location,

WHEREAS, there has been a reported uptick in hate crimes directed at members of the LGBTQ community in recent weeks, including several incidents within close proximity to ANC 2A, and

WHEREAS, the frequency of these incidents and the coincidence of many of them with Pride Month brought renewed attention to the disturbing realities that still confront vulnerable members of the LGBTQ community – and create a sense of urgency regarding the need for additional, targeted resources to serve that population.



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A strongly urges the DC Council and the Mayor to re-consider their determination regarding this funding request and use either a supplemental appropriation or reprogramming authority to target resources toward the \$3 million grant program sought, thereby supporting community-driven efforts to improve the health, safety, and well-being of DC residents.

Commissioner Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Vice Chairperson

CC: Chairman Phil Mendelson, DC Council
Councilmember Anita Bonds, At-Large
Councilmember David Grosso, At-Large
Councilmember Elissa Silverman, At-Large
Councilmember Robert White, At-Large
Councilmember Brianne Nadeau, Ward 1
Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2
Councilmember Mary Cheh, Ward 3
Councilmember Brandon Todd, Ward 4
Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, Ward 5
Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Councilmember Vincent Gray, Ward 7
Councilmember Trayon White, Ward 8
Sheila Alexander-Reid, Director, Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs
Jennifer Budoff, Budget Director, DC Council
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Jennifer Reed, Director, Office of Budget and Performance Management
Alana Intrieri, Director, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs
Nicole Goines, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services