



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

February 24, 2022

Mayor Muriel Bowser
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Councilmember Brianne Nadeau
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RE: Funding for Emergency Rental Assistance Programs

Dear Mayor Bowser and Councilmember Nadeau,

At its regular meeting on February 16, 2022, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (**8-0-0**), after a motion made by Commissioner Omictin and seconded by Commissioner Patel, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, for several consecutive fiscal years, DC budgets have only allocated around [\\$7 million annually](#) for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and around \$10 million total in overall eviction prevention efforts,

WHEREAS, the uneven economic recovery from the pandemic has resulted in an unexpected FY 2021 budget surplus of [\\$576 million](#) while tens of thousands of DC residents face eviction,

WHEREAS, the federally funded and locally administered STAY DC rental assistance program helped over [33,000 families](#) while it was operational, but still has unfulfilled applications, and

WHEREAS, the DC Government requested [additional funding](#) from the federal government to address the anticipated eviction crisis, and the unmet need after receiving federal assistance is approximately [\\$187.3 million](#).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that the Mayor's Office and the DC Council use a portion of the FY 2021 surplus to cover the outstanding need in rental assistance, foregoing the automatic allocation of surplus funding to pay-as-you-go capital funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that the Mayor's Office and the DC Council allocate at least \$187.3 million to emergency rental assistance programs in this budget cycle. Emergency rental assistance programs, such as the kind provided by DC's ERAP and DC's Homelessness Prevention Program, are



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among our most important collective defenses against evictions and homelessness.

Commissioners Yannik Omictin (2A01@anc.dc.gov) and Joel Causey (2A02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Joel Causey
Chairperson