



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

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RE: ANC 2A Support for the 2020 Census

Dear Mr. Armstrong and Ms. Bird,

At its regular meeting on February 19, 2020, 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 Goldin and seconded by Commissioner Patel, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, every ten years the United States Census Bureau counts residents across the country,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A supports the United States Census Bureau’s efforts in conducting a complete and accurate count of all U.S. residents as of April 1st, 2020,

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia, including ANC 2A, is one of the more demographically diverse places in the United States, and this diversity is our strength,

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia annually receives \$6 billion in federal funding based on census data,

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia, and ANC 2A, has seen dramatic increases in population and residents since the 2010 census,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A is committed to raising awareness of the importance of the 2020 census by aggressively reaching out to hard-to-count groups and encouraging their participation in the census,

WHEREAS, a complete count ensures accurate census data, which provides critical information for government programs, policies, and decision making that affect ANC 2A residents, including the funding of programs related to healthcare, transportation, education, housing, youth, and childcare,



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WHEREAS, census data is used to update ward, ANC, and single member district (SMD) boundaries, determine funding for schools in ANC 2A, and plan for resources such as new playgrounds, recreation centers, senior wellness centers, and programming to serve specific populations,

WHEREAS, in 2010 the District of Columbia was the second-most undercounted city in the nation, with the following groups having been historically undercounted: low income residents, foreign-born residents, renters in multi-unit buildings, children ages 0-5, and African-American households, and

WHEREAS, the next three months, from February 12th, 2020 to May 12th, 2020, including the 2020 census day on April 1st, 2020, are a critical time to engage with residents to ensure that they are informed about why the census matters to ANC 2A, our ward, and our city, as well as how to participate.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A will work together through May 12th, 2020 to support activities that aim to have every resident in each SMD of ANC 2A counted in the 2020 census regardless of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, language spoken, or citizenship status. ANC 2A commissioners will:

1. Post on neighborhood listservs, blogs, social media, and other electronic media to encourage residents to complete the census forms ([DC Census 2020 digital media toolkit](#)),
2. Encourage neighborhood volunteers to post and engage on electronic media about the census, and
3. Encourage neighborhood volunteers to organize and participate in SMD outreach using door hangers provided by DC Census 2020 officials. ([U.S. Census outreach toolkit](#)).

Commissioners Nicole Goldin (2A02@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson

CC: Andrew Trueblood, Director, DC Office of Planning
Nicole Goines, Mayor’s Office of Community Relations and Services