



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

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**RE: DC Council Bill B22-0904 – the “CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018”**

Dear Councilmember Cheh and Councilmember McDuffie,

At its regular meeting on November 28, 2018, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (7-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Harnett and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the human impact on climate has been recognized as an issue of the utmost importance and urgency by the international scientific community, as well as local and international leaders,

WHEREAS, unless current trends are slowed or reversed, impending sea level rise linked to climate change will have a devastating impact on Washington, DC and surrounding communities in this century, including the flooding of large sections of the capital,

WHEREAS, credible scenarios predict that, unless drastic reductions of greenhouse gas emissions are implemented soon, by the year 2100 up to 74 percent of the world’s population may be exposed to climatic heat exceeding human thermoregulatory capacity for at least 20 days a year,

WHEREAS, the United States remains the single largest emitter of CO<sub>2</sub> in history and is currently still the largest emitter of CO<sub>2</sub> per capita,

WHEREAS, with the absence of national leadership epitomized by U.S. withdrawal from the Kyoto Protocol, it has become imperative that the District, as



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the nation’s capital, do all it can to mitigate the human impact on climate change and provide leadership on the issue,

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has already committed to leadership on reducing CO2 emissions through financial investment in green energy infrastructure, implementation of higher energy efficiency standards for buildings, and rate-payer assistance to low-income households,

WHEREAS, the priorities outlined in DC Council Bill B22-0904 build upon that leadership and were developed in consultation with more than 80 climate policy and activist groups, as well as the Department of Energy & Environment, and

WHEREAS, the District has the opportunity to set next generation benchmarks for major city climate change action by reducing its emissions by 50 percent by 2032, requiring 100 percent of District electricity to come from renewables by 2032, and eliminating all emissions by 2050.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the swift passage by the end of the current DC Council session of DC Council Bill B22-0904 – the “CleanEnergy DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the establishment of a carbon cap for the District, and opposes increasing the cost of energy to compensate for the lower power usage resulting from efficiency programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A recommends that DC Council Bill B22-0904 require new capacity for Tier 1 renewable energy to be created on behalf of the District as a consumer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports maintaining the current Building Energy Performance Standards and opposes any potential weakening of them in DC Council Bill B22-0904, should the bill undergo further amendment.

Commissioners James Harnett ([2A08@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A08@anc.dc.gov)) and William Kennedy Smith ([2A04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A04@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

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Chairperson



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