



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

February 14, 2020

Mr. Andrew Trueblood
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RE: Proposed Changes to DC's Comprehensive Plan Regarding Sustainability

Dear Director Trueblood,

At its special meeting on February 12, 2020, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Hudson, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has a resiliency strategy to thrive in the face of change, shocks (sudden, acute disasters), and stresses (slow-burning disasters),

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is a part of the 100 Resilient Cities network and signed on to the spirit of the Paris Climate Accords,

WHEREAS, climate change is a clear and present danger with rising sea levels, drastic temperatures, extreme weather events, and acidification, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan should reflect environmental and climate changes in urban and city planning elements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A recommends that the Office of Planning adopting the following edits to the Comprehensive Plan:

- In 100.4 replace “reach all of our residents” with “accessible” because the Comprehensive Plan is not only for the residents of the District of Columbia but the visitors as well.
- Add 106.2 “Track existing conditions and planning issues and changes on Open Data DC” so that the implementation and changes are accessible, public, and allow for accountability to the general public.
- Under Policy: Resilience and Land Use, add “Incorporate climate projections in Land Use” to include maps of flooding and heat maps for exposure and vulnerability.



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Add under 600.2 under the critical environmental issues facing Washington, DC: “Increasing resilience to urban heat island effect.”

Add under 900.2 under the critical urban design issues facing the District of Columbia: “Ensuring that designs and plans are climate ready accessible.”

- Under create tailored streetscapes guidelines for new neighborhoods or large sites undergoing redevelopment to promote interesting pedestrian experiences and a unique and consistent design for the public realm:

Add new action: Streetscape and Standards: Investigate opportunities for allowing permeable and light-colored pavement to combat climate change.

- Add 915, Add new policy: Resilience Hub: Help prepare for shocks and build a more connected community.
- Keep 2109.10 Policy NNW 1.2.10. Sustainable Development: Encourage the use of green building practices within Near Northwest with an emphasis on green roofs. Rooftop gardens should be encouraged in new construction and major rehabilitation projects as a way to create additional green space, reduce, stormwater runoff, and provide an amenity for residents

Add to 2109.10 “and/or LEED certification” after with an emphasis on green roofs.

Commissioners Detrick Campbell (2A07@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