



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

April 30, 2021

Mayor Muriel Bowser
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RE: Funding for Excluded Workers

Dear Mayor Bowser and Chairman Mendelson,

At its regular meeting on April 21, 2021, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With five of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (5-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner Causey, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in June of 2020 ANC 2A voted 6-0-0 in favor of \$30 million in funding for excluded workers. Events DC provided \$5 million and later the DC Council allotted \$9 million more. The \$14 million only allowed for a one-time payment of \$1,000 to excluded workers who have now been out of work for fourteen months,

WHEREAS, DC is home to over 30,000 residents – our neighbors, family members, community members, and workers who keep this city running – who cannot access federal assistance through unemployment insurance and/or the federal stimulus. DC’s FY 2022 budget must include cash assistance for those excluded by the federal government,

WHEREAS, excluded workers are overwhelmingly Black and immigrant residents who have also been among the hardest hit by COVID-19,

WHEREAS, the vast majority of excluded workers are low-income workers who do not have the savings needed to get by without work for many months,

WHEREAS, cash assistance is urgently needed for excluded workers because the pandemic has dragged on for over a year and \$1,000 is nowhere close to adequate to make up for fourteen months of unemployment or underemployment, and

WHEREAS, when assessing the actual needs of all of DC’s excluded workers, ANC 2A is asking Mayor Bower and the DC Council to allocate \$200 million in this year’s budget for financial assistance for excluded workers. This would allow each of the 13,000 workers served by the first round of funding to receive an



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additional \$12,000 each – \$1,000 per month for the first year of the pandemic – and allow approximately 1,900 additional excluded workers to receive this same sum.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to prioritize direct financial support for excluded workers in the upcoming FY 2022 budget.

Commissioners Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) and Jeri Epstein (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Jeri Epstein
Chairperson