



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

June 2, 2021

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RE: The DC Police Reform Commission’s 2021 Report

Dear Chairman Mendelson and Councilmember Allen,

At its regular meeting on May 19, 2021, 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 Epstein and seconded by Commissioner Causey, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in June of 2020, ANC 2A voted 5-0-2 in favor of reallocating FY 2021 budget funds from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to social programs,

WHEREAS, as a result of the protests in the summer of 2020 over the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and numerous others, the DC Council held hearings regarding MPD which elicited 16,000 witness statements,

WHEREAS, in July of 2020, the DC Council passed the “Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Second Emergency Amendment Act of 2020”, which established the DC Police Reform Commission (the Commission) to “re-envision” policing,

WHEREAS, the Commission would create a report that, while not exhaustive, served as a road map that would outline specific recommendations that are grounded and would not be classified as “quick fixes” but would shift the District’s approach to public safety,

WHEREAS, the Commission outlined 90 recommendations with multiple sub-parts within eight specific sections,



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WHEREAS, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for Section I: “Meeting Crisis with Specialized Skill and Compassion” should be accepted as outlined,

WHEREAS, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for Section II: “Strengthening the Safety Net and Decriminalizing Poverty” should be accepted as outlined,

WHEREAS, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for Section V: “Embracing a Harm-Reduction Approach to Policing” should be accepted as outlined, and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s recommendations outlined for Section VIII: “Holding Police Accountable” should be accepted as outlined.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A urgently encourages the DC Council’s Committee of the Whole and Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety to redirect funding from MPD to IT infrastructure upgrades and to various DC agencies to better serve the public and properly address the crises vulnerable communities face.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the DC Council to fund and make permanent the specific recommendations amplified in this resolution.

Commissioners Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) and Jeri Epstein (2A06@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Jeri Epstein
Chairperson