



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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Councilmember Anita Bonds  
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**RE: DC Council Bill B22-0964 – the “District of Columbia Department on Aging and Community Living Amendment Act of 2018” and DC Council Bill B22-0686 – the “Senior Strategic Plan Amendment Act of 2018”**

Dear Councilmember Bonds,

At its regular meeting on November 28, 2018, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matters.

**DC Council Bill B22-0964 – the “District of Columbia Department on Aging and Community Living Amendment Act of 2018”**

With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted **(6-0-1)**, after a motion made by Commissioner Harmon and seconded by Commissioner Campbell, to adopt the following resolution with regard to DC Council Bill B22-0964 – the “District of Columbia Department on Aging and Community Living Amendment Act of 2018”:

WHEREAS, DC Council Bill B22-0964 changes the name of the Office on Aging to the Department on Aging and Community Living while adding significant responsibilities relating to elder rights and planning for the District's older adult population and individuals with disabilities,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A supports tasking the new Department on Aging and Community Living with the responsibility of leading the District's implementation of the DC Dementia Plan and making the District a better place for people with dementia to live, and

WHEREAS, additional efforts in this legislation are needed to protect the rights of the District's aging population.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that the newly created Department on Aging and Community Living should:

1. Collect and monitor data related to the impact of Alzheimer's disease and dementia and its causes on the District,
2. Evaluate the needs of the community living with dementia in the District, including direct caregivers, and identify the services, resources, and



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policies that may be accessed or developed to mitigate impacts and address need.

3. Recommend policies, legislation, and funding necessary to implement the state plan to address the needs of people living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and their caregivers,
4. Recommend strategies for the coordination of services and distribution of resources among agencies involved in the delivery of services to people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia,
5. Monitor the development and implementation of the District's plan for meeting the needs of people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia and their caregivers, and
6. Create a position within the Department on Aging and Community Living to oversee the implementation of the DC Dementia Plan.

## **DC Council Bill B22-0686 – the “Senior Strategic Plan Amendment Act of 2018”**

With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted **(6-0-1)**, after a motion made by Commissioner Harmon and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the following resolution with regard to DC Council Bill B22-0686 – the “Senior Strategic Plan Amendment Act of 2018”:

WHEREAS, DC Council Bill B22-0686 requires the District to create a ten-year strategic plan to address the needs of the city’s seniors,

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are 8,900 people living with Alzheimer's in the District of Columbia in 2018 – a figure that is expected to increase with the aging population, and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia needs to thoughtfully consider this population and their families as policies are being developed in consultation with civil society groups, such as the Alzheimer's Association’s National Capital Area Chapter, so as to continually improve the quality of life for residents with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that DC Council Bill B22-0686 include a requirement for an assessment of the needs of people with Alzheimer's disease in the District and provide an appropriate agency mandate to take appropriate actions in response to identified needs.

Commissioners Florence Harmon ([2A06@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A06@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.



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Sincerely,

William Kennedy Smith, MD  
Chairperson

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