



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

April 20, 2021

Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie
Chair, Committee on Business and Economic Development
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: DC Council Bill B24-0070 – the “Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Relief Amendment Act of 2021”

Dear Councilmember McDuffie,

At its regular meeting on March 17, 2021, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Epstein and seconded by Commissioner Patel, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as a result of the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic, the homelessness rate in DC is expected to spike ¹,

WHEREAS, the majority of ANC 2A’s senior population is on fixed incomes such as social security and/or pensions that have not kept up with the rate of inflation or could not have taken into account something such as a pandemic,

WHEREAS, the seniors of DC have faced unprecedented hardships, including:

- a. severe limitations in transportation options,
- b. increased prices for food and basic goods, and
- c. having to choose between multiple necessities due to not being able to afford it all,

WHEREAS, these challenges exacerbate the anxiety of becoming unhoused among seniors who are unable to meet their property tax payments, and

WHEREAS, the Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Relief Amendment of 2021 would provide specific and targeted relief that would allow seniors to continue to live and engage in the communities they call home.

¹ Real time data is not available as it usually tends to be a year out from these figures.



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the passage and funding of the Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Relief Amendment of 2021 in order to address the urgent plight of keeping seniors safely housed.

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