



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

July 8, 2014

Mr. Michael Kelly  
Director  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
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RE: Funding for Affordable Housing at the West End Fire Station

Dear Director Kelly,

At its regular meeting on June 18, 2014, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (**“ANC 2A”** or **“Commission”**) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0)<sup>i</sup>:

WHEREAS, the District seeks to redevelop the West End Library and West End Fire Station with new state-of the art public facilities, housing options for all income levels and a variety of retail;

WHEREAS the neighborhood has spent more than seven years working with the city on this critical redevelopment effort and the ANC has unanimously supported the plans of EastBanc and Dantes Partners because they agreed, as part of their overall development plan, to deliver an affordable housing component at much lower income levels as part of the fire station development as compared to the other bidder;

WHEREAS there is a funding gap which needs to be filled through DCHD’s Super NOFA funds for the affordable rental housing at the fire station site;

WHEREAS this funding will go a long way to achieving the city goal of adding additional affordable housing and ensuring the West End continues to provide a variety of housing options for residents at ALL income levels;

WHEREAS this represents a complex transaction that has taken years to craft, and one with almost unanimous support from our ANC and neighborhood citizens associations, and this funding is the final piece of the puzzle;

RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges DC DHCD to support the gap funding request of EastBanc and Dantes Partners so that we may ensure that housing options are available for those at all income levels in the West End neighborhood of the District of Columbia.



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Commissioners Rebecca Coder ([rebeccacoder@mac.com](mailto:rebeccacoder@mac.com)) and Patrick Kennedy ([Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov](mailto:Patrick.Kennedy@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson

cc: Mayor Vincent C. Gray, District of Columbia  
cc: Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2  
cc: Councilmember Muriel Bowser; Chair, Committee on Economic Development  
cc: Commissioner Rebecca Coder, ANC 2A02  
cc: Ben Sonnet, EastBanc

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<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Florence Harmon recused herself from discussing and voting on this matter.