



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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February 14, 2020

Mr. Andrew Trueblood
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RE: Proposed Changes to DC's Comprehensive Plan Regarding Supporting LGBTQ+ Housing

Dear Director Trueblood,

At its special meeting on February 12, 2020, 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 voted unanimously (7-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Harnett and seconded by Commissioner Campbell, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, supporting the LGBTQ+ Community in the Housing Element and the Community Services and Facilities Element is important to ANC 2A, and the Commission believes members of the LGBTQ+ community can have needs different than non-LGBTQ+ members, and that the Comprehensive Plan should plan for these needs moving forward.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports modifying Housing Element H-4.3 to meet the needs of persons in the LGBTQ+ community with specific requirements that benefit from specific supportive services as profiled in that section.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports Policy H-4.3.x including language for the housing of LGBTQ+ older adults. DC has the highest percentage of LGBTQ adults in the country, but critically insufficient LGBTQ-affirming older adult housing compared to other comparable cities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports language in the Community Services and Facilities section in the Housing Element, to indicate better support for youth experiencing homelessness who self-identify as LGBTQ+, which constitutes nearly half of DC’s youth experiencing homelessness, including healthcare and services for LGBTQ+ patients, a group that faces disparities similarly to other populations identified as at-risk or disadvantaged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports language in Action CSF-2.3.D, for improving coordination and service delivery among District agencies to



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include the LGBTQ+ community, as there are specific healthcare and services that the LGBTQ+ community requires and can benefit from.

Commissioners James Harnett (2A08@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson