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The Honorable Phil Mendelson
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At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting[1] on October 8, 2026 our Commission voted 4-0-0 (with 4 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send this written testimony to be considered as part of the October 26, 2026 DC Council, Committee on Housing hearing record regarding the proposed legislation, B26-083. **The Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Functions Modernization Act**. This law proposes a number of changes to the current ANC law:

- It will give the OANC the right to comment on ANC redistricting reports by the Council redistricting committees in order to have input on the proposed SMDs avoiding the creation of repeatedly unfillable districts.
- It will have the Board of Elections conduct special elections at the Central Treatment Facility and the Central Detention Facility rather than the OANC
- It will allow the Board of Elections to accept funeral home death notices/obituaries, or an obituary published in a newspaper of general circulation when a Commissioner dies in order to declare a seat vacant, expediting the currently extended process for fill a vacant seat.
- Changes the law from prohibiting ANCs from "soliciting funds" to "soliciting donations"
- Proposes to withhold allotments from ANCs that have not filed their annual spending plan by November 30th of a fiscal year, until such time as a budget is approved.
- When an ANCs bank account or the total of their bank accounts exceeds $50,000, they will discontinue receiving allotments until the balance is spent down.
- Allows a Commission to transfer a portion of your annual allotment to a District agency that provides food, shelter or healthcare.
- Would clarify the law that expenditures by an ANC can be made on staff salaries, independent contractors, contracts for services and memoranda of understanding with District agencies and telecommunication (RTS) agreements with District agencies.

We believe that these modifications are reasonable, common sense approaches to ANC and OANC operations.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit this written testimony and ask that it be taken with "great weight."

On behalf of ANC6A,

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