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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, B26-0832 **The Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Payment Modernization Act**. This Bill will allow ANCs to use third party payment applications [like Zelle or Venmo] so long as it includes "at a minimum, the date, amount, payee, and an associated transaction identifier for each transfer."

ANC6A strongly supports the **The Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Payment Modernization Act** as it would allow ANCs to utilize payment methods that are and have been long utilized by a large number of businesses, governments, not-for-profit organizations and individuals. In particular, National Capital Bank, a bank serving a large number of ANCs, has specifically added Zelle to the banking tools available to its ANC customers.

This benefits of these systems include:

- Expediting vender/recipient receipt of payment
- Reducing the frequent occurrence of checks being lost in the mail resulting in expensive (average $35) stop payment fees
- Reducing the time-consuming efforts by ANC treasurers and OANC staff to back lost or "stale" checks out of the OANC QFR accounting system.
- Making the work of volunteer ANC treasurers a more efficient
- Bringing ANCs banking practices into the 21st century

Although, there appears to be some concern about the security of these systems, they are in fact nor less secure than a paper check issued by the ANC Treasurer or authorized via the banks online banking system. We note, that if a Treasurer issues a fraudulent of erroneous paper or online check, the bank will not reimburse the ANC for this payment. Further, safeguards would include having a form 103 signed by multiple ANC officers for all payments issued via third-party platforms, as is currently required for checks issued via the online banking system.

Finally, although we do not believe it is necessary, we would support limiting use of third party payment systems to those that are directly sponsored by the ANC's authorized banking institution.

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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