



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
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## **ANC 6A Resolution 1-2023**

### **Hands Off DC: Protecting Local Democracy and Autonomy**

**WHEREAS** the people of the District of Columbia have a fundamental right to self-governance and autonomy, and the principle of democratic representation is a cornerstone of American democracy.

**AND WHEREAS** the recent announcement by President Joseph Biden that he is willing to sign a bill passed by the United States Congress that would overturn the Revised Criminal Code Act, a law passed unanimously by the Council of the District of Columbia, is a deep affront to the principles of self-governance and local democracy.

**AND WHEREAS** this action by the President and Congress undermines the will of the people of the District of Columbia, who expect the President and Congress to respect the democratic process and their right to self-determination.

**AND WHEREAS** this action undermines the principles of democratic representation and local autonomy and sends a message that the voices and concerns of DC residents are not being heard or respected.

**AND WHEREAS** Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A condemns the actions of the President and Congress in undermining the democratic mandate of the residents of the District of Columbia and calls upon the President to take immediate action to push Congress to pass DC statehood, and not just signal support for the idea.

**AND WHEREAS** the President's actions have undermined the trust and confidence of DC residents in the democratic process and the principles of American democracy.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A condemns the actions of President Joseph Biden in signaling his willingness to sign an unjust bill passed by Congress that would overturn the Revised Criminal Code Act, a law passed unanimously by the Council of the District of Columbia, and affirms the importance of respecting the principles of local autonomy and democratic representation in the District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 6A calls upon President Joseph Biden to take immediate action to push Congress to pass DC statehood and respect the will of the people of the District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 6A calls upon all elected officials, including President Joseph Biden and members of Congress, to respect the democratic mandate of the residents of the District of Columbia, and to refrain from interfering with the autonomy and self-determination of the District.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 6A urges all residents of the District of Columbia to stand up for their democratic rights and principles, and to demand full representation and enfranchisement for all DC residents, regardless of their race, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender (including gender expression and identity), sexual orientation, age, national origin, citizenship, disability, pregnancy, veteran status, political affiliation, lawful union activity, marital status, caregiver status, or any other protected status.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ANC 6A affirms its commitment to the principles of democratic representation and self-determination and will continue to advocate for the rights and interests of all residents of the District of Columbia, including the right to full and equal representation in the political process.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chair, Vice Chair, and/or their designee(s) are authorized to represent ANC 6A on this matter. Copies of this resolution will be sent to the Executive Office of the President of the United States.

Attested by:



Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

March 10, 2023

This Resolution was approved by a vote of 5-0-1 on March 9, 2023 at a public meeting<sup>1</sup> of ANC6A at which a quorum was present.

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<sup>1</sup> ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on [anc-6a@googlegroups.com](mailto:anc-6a@googlegroups.com), and [newhilleast@groups.io](mailto:newhilleast@groups.io), at [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org), on Twitter (@ANC6A) and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.