



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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November 21, 2022

Phil Mendelson, DC Council Chair
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004

Re: ANC 6A Support for the Green New Deal for Housing

Dear Chair Mendelson,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on November 10th, 2022, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the Green New Deal for Housing bill, currently before D.C. Council. The Green New Deal for Housing would prioritize currently owned D.C. properties to be used to provide affordable housing to D.C. residents. This bill would establish an agency that would be responsible for the development of affordable housing that is environmentally sustainable.

Our ANC enthusiastically supports the goals of this legislation and feels that it could improve the supply of affordable housing in D.C., and also encourage environmentally sustainable housing. This is a critical need, and this model provides an innovative, sustainable way to address the needs. ANC 6A fully supports the Green New Deal for Housing, but would recommend that the Council make the following changes or address these questions:

- Existing D.C. laws be modified to provide an exception for the new agency created by the Green New Deal for Housing to be able to purchase land without legislation being passed by the D.C. Council, with proper oversight.
- The city may look at the initial goals of the program, and whether it can immediately reach its goals for affordable housing, particularly if the agency is supposed to be self-sustaining.
- The bonds issued by the new agency should be backed by the full faith and credit of the District of Columbia.
- The agency is encouraged to look at the parking requirements for the buildings developed by the Green New Deal for Housing, particularly to encourage alternatives to private cars and parking, and using public transportation.

Many thanks for your attention to these matters.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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