



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Dear Sir,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A nominates Gottlieb Simon, Director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC) for the Cafritz Award. The motion to do so was adopted unanimously, 5-0.

While employed by the Council, his position is not political; it's non-partisan as are the ANCs. Mr. Simon and his staff are charged with assisting, mediating, and improving these local elected bodies that are closest to the people of the District of Columbia. Commissioners are of all types, accomplishments, experiences, and degree of political involvement. We are united by our desire to something for our neighbors and the wider community.

Mr. Simon offers superb service to our ANCs and enables us to better serve our communities. He advises us on contacting the City departments, boards and commissions. His knowledge of the District's administrative processes is encyclopedic. He employs tact and persuasion to encourage good relations among the Commissioners. He offers wise counsel. He trains and supports both Commissioners and Commission Chairs in the proper execution of their responsibilities.

He has an endless work day, but is unrelentingly cheerful and gracious. I don't know what we would do without him.

He has defined the job, advanced representative democracy, and in so doing, improved the lives of us all. He deserves this award for his service to the District of Columbia, for his help in empowering the local neighborhoods of our City.

For the Commission,

David Holmes
Chair