



Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

[DRAFT] RESOLUTION #4B-23-0103

Expanding Membership of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Housing Justice Committee Adopted January 23, 2023

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (Commission) takes note of the following:

- The Commission's [Rules of Procedure](#) allow the Commission to establish Committees to assist the Commission in considering a specific issue or issues relevant to the Commission. See Rules of Procedure § V(A) (amended Jan. 27, 2020) ("Such a Committee can provide additional expertise, as well as an additional opportunity for public engagement."). The Rules of Procedure provide that the Commission shall define the scope, including the mission and duties, and the composition of any Committee by a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Commission at a regular public meeting. *Id.* at § V(B).
- On February 24, 2020, the Commission approved [Resolution 4B-20-0205](#), Establishing Housing Justice Committee, and on January 24, 2022, the Commission approved [Resolution 4B-22-0104](#), Reauthorizing Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Housing Justice Committee. See Rules of Procedure § V(B) ("The Commission shall define the scope, including the mission and duties, and the composition of any Committee by a resolution adopted by majority vote of the Commission at a regular public meeting."); *id.* at § V(C) ("[A] Committee is temporary in nature, and the Committee's mandate must be renewed every two years by a resolution adopted by majority vote of the Commission at a regular public meeting.").
- The Commission formed the Housing Justice Committee to assist the Commission's efforts to support and promote safe, stable, and secure housing for all District residents. The Commission holds at the core of its actions related to housing that housing is a human right. See, e.g., Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B [2022 Annual Report](#). The Commission has noted repeatedly its interest "in doing our fair share regarding deeply affordable housing within our Commission boundaries," with an explicit goal of "maximiz[ing] affordable housing" within the Commission area. [Resolution 4B-22-0104](#), Reauthorizing Advisory

Neighborhood Commission 4B's Housing Justice Committee (Jan. 24, 2022).

- Once the Commission approved establishing the Housing Justice Committee, the Commission recruited and appointed five members to the Committee, including Commissioner Erin Palmer (4B02), Chair; Latifa Lyles; Julia Moran Morton; LeighAnn Smith Rosenberg; and Christopher Sousa. Two Committee members are transitioning off of the Committee (Latifa Lyles and Christopher Sousa), and Commissioner Palmer has proposed appointing four new members: former Commissioner Brenda Parks (4B04); former Commissioner Alison Horn (6B09) (who now resides within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's boundaries); Maxine Davis; and Zoila Hinson. These current members and proposed members serve the Commission's goal of Committee appointments that "reflect the Commission area's diverse community and geography (including race, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, religion, national origin, age, and disability)." Rules of Procedure § VI(D).
- The Housing Justice Committee began meeting in December 2020 and has held fourteen (14) meetings since that time. The Committee's meetings have included detailed discussions regarding proposed developments within the Commission area, with a focus on affordable and deeply affordable housing; presentations from and discussions with the Office of the Attorney General, other Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, and other government entities focused on affordable housing; and presentations from subject matter experts on government agency accountability, social housing and other affordable housing tools, ending chronic homelessness, and tenant protections and support.
- As provided in the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the number of Committee members is determined by a Resolution adopted by majority vote of the Commission at a regular public meeting. See Rules of Procedure § V(B). To allow the Committee to continue and expand its meaningful work, Commissioner Palmer is seeking to expand the Committee's membership from five members to seven members.

RESOLVED:

- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B expands the membership of its Housing Justice Committee from five members to seven members, comprised of members selected in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner Erin Palmer, ANC 4B02, and Chair of the Commission's Housing Justice Committee to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, in the event the designated representative Commissioners cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this Resolution.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, consistent with DC Code § 1-309, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

ADOPTED by voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of __ members was present) on January 23, 2023, by a vote of _ yes, _ no, _ abstentions.