Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

[DRAFT] RESOLUTION #4B-23-0903

Establishing Youth Advisory Committee
Adopted September 26, 2023

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

- The Commission's Rules of Procedure, amended January 27, 2020, 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) ("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).

- The Commission recognizes the importance of youth civic participation. Matters regularly before the Commission – including the DC budget and proposed legislation; vision zero; housing justice; community safety and support; schools, libraries, and recreation centers; and government services (*see* ANC 4B, 2022 Annual Report) – directly impact our youth; yet, their voices are rarely represented in community meetings or government hearings. The Commission seeks to educate and engage our local youth on the Commission's work and strives to bring youth voices to the table.

RESOLVED:

➢ That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B establishes a Youth Advisory Committee. The Committee's work shall include (1) educating youth within the Commission's boundaries and/or attending schools within the Commission's boundaries about key actors and the policy process in DC, including the history, mission, and work of the Commission itself; (2) seeking feedback on proposed legislation and

policy affecting youth and families in the District, as well as developing proposals for government action, with a goal of amplifying youth voice; and (3) engaging local schools about Commission activities, including meetings, public service, and other opportunities for youth participation.

- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B appoints Commissioner Alison Brooks, ANC 4B08, and Commissioner Erin Palmer, ANC 4B02, as Co-Chairs of the Youth Advisory Committee and designates that the Committee shall be comprised of up to seven youth members (ages 12-18), who will be selected in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner Erin Palmer, ANC 4B02, and Commissioner Alison Brooks, ANC 4B08, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

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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 September 26, 2023, by a vote of _ yes, _ no, _ abstentions.

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