

# Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B



## RESOLUTION #4B-25-0404

### Condemning Congressional Efforts to Undermine Washington, DC's Status as a Sanctuary City

Adopted April 28, 2025

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

- Washington, DC has long upheld its status as a Sanctuary City, ensuring that all residents—regardless of immigration status—are treated with dignity, protected from unjust targeting, and encouraged to seek city services without fear of deportation.
- The District's policies limiting cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities reflect community priorities, promote public safety, and encourage trust between immigrant communities and government agencies.
- Recent efforts by congressional Republicans seek to override the will of DC residents by forcing local law enforcement to collaborate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and other federal immigration agencies, in direct violation of the District's self-governance and Home Rule authority.
- Federal interference in DC's local policies undermines the fundamental principle of local autonomy, disregards the Home Rule Act, and threatens the well-being of DC's immigrant population by instilling fear and discouraging cooperation with local law enforcement, schools, and healthcare providers.
- Numerous studies and law enforcement professionals affirm that sanctuary policies enhance public safety, as immigrant communities are more likely to report crimes and cooperate with investigations when they do not fear deportation.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B strongly condemns any congressional attempts to force Washington, DC to cooperate with federal

immigration enforcement and reaffirms our commitment to protecting the rights and safety of all residents, regardless of immigration status.

- The Commission calls on the DC Council, Mayor, and Attorney General to vigorously defend the District's Sanctuary City policies, resist federal overreach, and take legal action if necessary to uphold local autonomy and protect immigrant communities.

**FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Commission designates Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson, ANC 4B06, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

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That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters 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 in any way associated with the Commission.

**ADOPTED** by voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was April 28, 2025, by a vote of \_\_ yes, \_\_ no, \_\_ abstentions.