

# ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4B ANNUAL REPORT

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## Advisory Page:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (Commission) is proud to file this Annual Report with the Mayor, the DC Council, and the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, as well as publish this Report on the Commission's website and on the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Resolution Portal. This Report covers Commission and Commissioner activities between December 2024 and November 2025.

This Report satisfies the Commission's statutory reporting obligations. See DC Code § 1-309.10(j)(1) (providing that each Commission may file an annual report with the Council and the Mayor for the preceding fiscal year); id. at (n-1) (providing that each Commission shall publish an annual report summarizing its activities over the preceding 12 months). The Commission's regular public meeting agendas and minutes for December 2024 through November 2025 can be found on [anc4b.com](http://anc4b.com). For further financial report questions, residents may reach out to the Commission's Treasurer or Chair.

Throughout ANC 4B's annual report, the Commission is pleased to showcase the artwork and talent from students and youth within ANC 4B.



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# A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello Neighbors!



It is a joy to be writing to you as the recently elected Chair of ANC 4B. I would like to thank my fellow 4B Commissioners for their support and the current Executive Committee who have helped me navigate this transition and provided guidance along the way.

For those who are curious, I am a relatively new face in the neighborhood (I moved to DC in September 2022), but living in DC was something I had in my sights for years. I grew up in the Mid-Atlantic and hoped that I would one day make it back to this part of the country, and I am truly grateful that I ended up in the 4B community. I've loved exploring the area these past few years (you may have seen me on a walk or run through the neighborhood), and the people who make up this community make this part of the city one of DC's best kept secrets (in my humble opinion).

When I think back over this past year, I can't help but be proud of how the 4B community has looked out for one another and demonstrated resilience in the face of hardship and tragedy. We live in difficult times, to say the least. But you, dear resident of 4B, continue to show up for your neighbor in tangible ways and in ways that often go unseen. It's in difficult times like these that we need each other most, so keep gathering in our cherished community spaces to encourage and lift one another up. Keep showing up to support kids on their way to our schools. Keep engaging in community cleanups and in dialogue with your neighbors. Keep advocating for services that make our neighborhood better. Your small acts collectively make our community stronger and enable us to move forward and accomplish more as we lean on each other.

And keep reaching out to your ANC for support. The group of individuals who make up ANC 4B are problem-solvers, creative thinkers, experts on so many local issues, and above all, committed to serving you and advancing the needs of our community. 2025 has been a full year, and I look forward to what we will accomplish together as a community in 2026.

For the joy of community,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Sharmi Chaitin".

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# OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION'S PURPOSE AND 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B**

An Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) is a non-partisan neighborhood body made up of locally elected representatives called Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. ANCs serve as a unique feature of the District's Home Rule Charter, providing a direct link between neighbors and local government. ANCs hold public meetings to address neighborhood issues and provide recommendations to the District government on policies that affect the community.

ANC 4B has 10 Commissioners, each representing a distinct geographic area known as a Single Member District. Commissioners, who serve two-year terms without pay, are elected during DC elections held in November of even-numbered years. ANC 4B covers a broad area, extending from Georgia Avenue to the West, Eastern Avenue to the East, and Missouri Avenue, Riggs Road, South Dakota Avenue, and Kennedy Street to the South.

## **Understanding ANC 4B's Annual Report**

This is the Annual Report for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B for the December 2024–November 2025. The purpose of this Report is to share the Commission's activities, actions, and financial status with the public, the Mayor, the DC Council, and other key government offices. It also fulfills the Commission's legal requirement to provide a summary of its work over the past year, as outlined in DC law (DC Code § 1-309.10).

This Report covers the activities of the Commission and its Commissioners from December 2024 to November 2025. It includes the following:

1. Summary of the Commission's work: This section includes information about the Commission's officers, regular public meetings, and the activities of individual Commissioners in their respective small member districts (SMDs).
2. Key Issues and Actions: This section highlights the important issues the Commission addressed and recommendations made through resolutions or other official measures.
3. Operational Insights: This section details the Commission's day-to-day operations, including how it managed its resources and worked to ensure accessibility and transparency.

4. Financial Overview: This section provides a snapshot of the Commission's finances, including its financial reports for Fiscal Year 2025 and its budget for Fiscal Year 2026. The goal of this Report is to keep neighbors and others informed about the work of the Commission and to maintain transparency in how it serves the neighborhood.



**Commissioners Geong (4B09) and Christian (4B02) at Art All Night 2025.**  
**Residents contributed to questions on the mural: "What does Home Rule mean to you?" and "What do you love about your neighborhood?"**

# 2025 SUMMARY OF THE COMMISSION'S WORK

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## **Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B has 10 Commissioners:**

- Douglas Payton (4B01) (January 2025 – Present)
- Shamina Christian (4B02) (January 2025 – Present)
- Keenan Courtland (4B03) (January 2025 – Present)
- Charlie Mayer (4B04) (June 2025 – Present)
- Sophia Tekola (4B05) (January 2025 – September 2025)/ Tamira Benitez (November 2025 – Present)
- Tiffani Nichole Johnson (4B06) (January 2025 – Present)
- Michael Cohen (4B07) (January 2025 – Present)
- Garret Moore (4B08) (January 2025 – Present)
- Danielle Geong (4B09) (January 2025 – Present)
- Jinin Berry (4B10) (January 2025 – Present)

Sophia Tekola served ANC 4B05 until her departure in September 2025 due to relocation. Tamira Benitez filled the requirements of the vacancy as laid out by DC's Board of Elections and was sworn in mid-November 2025. ANC 4B04 did not field any candidates in the general election; current Commissioner Charlie Mayor filled the requirements of the vacancy as laid out by DC's Board of Elections and was sworn in June 2025.

At its January Public Meeting, the Commission unanimously elected the following Executive Committee officers:

- Sophia Tekola, Chair (ANC 4B05)
- Tiffani Nichole Johnson, Vice Chair (ANC 4B06)
- Michael Cohen, Treasurer (ANC 4B07)
- Keenan Courtland, Secretary (ANC 4B03)

The Commission also appointed Commissioner Douglas Payton (4B01) as its representative to the Walter Reed Community Advisory Committee during the January Public Meeting, as required by DC Code § 10 1906(b)(1)(G). Commissioner Payton was stripped of this role during the October 27, 2025, public meeting; during the same meeting, the Commission appointed Commissioner Keenan Courtland (4B03) to be its representative.

# ANC 4B ACTIONS & ACTIVITIES

Upon Commissioner Sophia Tekola's departure from her SMD, ANC 4B elected Shamina Christian as Chair in the September 22, 2025, public meeting.

From December 2024 through November 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B held nine regular public meetings and nine planning meetings. These meetings took place in January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October, and November, with a recess in July, August, and December 2025. The ANC hosted one Special Meeting in July 2025.

Each regular public meeting included administrative presentations, such as updates from the Treasurer on the Commission's finances, Commissioner updates on their Single Member Districts, and committee activity reports. Representatives from the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, the Office of the Ward 4 Councilmember, and the Ward 4 Representative to the State Board of Education presented at each Commission meeting.

Each regular public meeting also included time dedicated to community concerns, in accordance with DC Code § 1-309.11(b)(3). This time allowed neighbors to raise issues or voice concerns about problems affecting the neighborhood or proposed District government actions during the hybrid meetings hosted online and at Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center and Takoma Recreation Center.



**Neighborhood clean-up with Commissioner Geong (4B09) in June**

# RESOLUTIONS, PRESENTATIONS & NOTABLE EVENTS

## RESOLUTIONS

The Commission approved 32 resolutions and other formal actions between January and November 2025. Several of the most notable resolutions included:

- Two resolutions in support of modernization plans for Whittier Elementary. These include variance relief for the swing spaces needed for the modernization and advocacy for demolition of an existing space in order to revision designing the space to effectively address current and future student needs.
- Enhancement of security, staffing and programming at Lamond Recreation Center
- Opposition to BZA application case no. 21250 which would have installed an assisted-living center with 14 beds in a residential neighborhood
- Opposing DC Council's emergency legislation to close meetings. In response, DC Council Chairman Mendelson attended the June 2025 public meeting.

## PRESENTATIONS

Over the course of the year, the Commission hosted 24 presentations from DC government agencies, community groups, and other organizations. Notable presentations included the Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis-George, who discussed the mission and work of her office (January 2025), Chairman Phil Mendelson, who discussed the DC Council's action to hold non-public meetings among other issues (June 2025), and UDC Law Professor Emily Cassometus, who lead an informative "Know Your Rights" training (September 2025).

## NOTABLE EVENTS

The Commission attended or sponsored several events designed to engage and educate the local community, including the Riggs Park Art Crawl, Art All Night, the Ron Austin Memorial Park Celebration, and the Lamond Community Action Day. Commissioners regularly collaborated across Single Member Districts on resolutions, official actions, committee meetings, and community events as noted in the individual update to follow.

# INDIVIDUAL OVERVIEW OF EACH SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT

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## **Douglas Payton, ANC 4B01:**

Douglas Payton has served as the Commissioner for Single Member District 4B01 from January 2025 onward.

## **Shamina Christian, ANC 4B02:**

Hi Neighbors! ANC 4B02 continues to be a neighborhood in which neighbors support and advocate for one another and do good in our community. In 2025, I held three in-person office hours in the spring and one community roundtable event in September where neighbors and community leaders came together to provide input on ways to support and improve our neighborhood.

Over the summer, I also held individual meetings with PrinciPAL Clayton and leaders at Takoma Elementary School and with leaders from the two faith communities in 4B02 (Takoma Park Baptist Church and New Bethel Church of God in Christ). The goal of these meetings was to connect with community leaders and then foster connection amongst these neighborhood entities so as to enable opportunities for greater collaboration in serving the community. 4B02 also saw the arrival of the Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy (MMBDA) Public Charter School, hosted at Takoma Park Baptist at 635 Aspen Street NW. In June, I met with concerned neighbors and leaders of MMBDA to walk the property and discuss the eventual location of the school's playground with the goal of minimizing its impact on neighbors who reside next to the church. While I experienced a responsiveness to emails early on in my efforts to collaborate with school leaders from MMBDA, it has been somewhat difficult to elicit consistent responses from the school's leadership over the past few months. I will continue to reach out to MMBDA to communicate and advocate for the concerns of neighbors as it relates to the playground's location, and I am grateful for the input that neighbors have provided to help guide my efforts.

Another issue that popped up this summer was connected to public litter cans being removed (primarily due to consolidation of WMATA bus routes). I appreciate neighbors flagging the disappearance of public litter cans with me, and I've been advocating for an answer from DPW as to why public litter cans have been removed.

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## **4B02, Continued:**

Councilmember Lewis George's bill on requiring the Department of Public Works (DPW) to provide a 30-day advance notice to Commissioners before the intended removal of a public litter is going into effect in FY2026, and I have followed up with Councilmember Nadeau (who chairs the Committee on Public Works and Operations) about why the criteria of that bill have not gone into effect (public litter cans continue to be removed around the 4B neighborhood without notice to ANCs). As we all know, less public litter cans leads to more public trash on our streets. I will continue to advocate for the keeping of public litter cans.

On September 13, in collaboration with The Marks Main Street, I also enjoyed co-hosting a table with fellow Commissioner Geong (4B09) for Art All Night. We hung a banner with the prompts, "What does Home Rule mean to you?" And "What do you love about your neighborhood?" It was great to see people's creative and artistic responses to these prompts. And on November 5, I was proud to support the STEM program at Takoma Elementary School as they hosted their inaugural white coat ceremony for fifth grade students. Supporting and showing up to cheer on our students' academic milestones and achievements is something I'm proud to support.

The other thing that has taken a significant amount of my attention in 2025 was helping the Commission focus its efforts and energies on serving the community via behind the scenes support. There was significant Commissioner turnover at the beginning of calendar year 2025, and I spent time over the summer building out an internal SharePoint site so that all Commissioners within 4B could better share knowledge, collaborate and partner on Commission-related work. During the September 22 public meeting, I was voted in as Chair for the Commission. The Chair vacancy was due to former Chair Sophia Tekola moving out of the District of Columbia. I am humbled by my fellow Commissioners' faith in me to lead the Commission, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the community in this way.



**Lukas Rubenic, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Capital City PCS**



**Gabriella Gomez, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Capital City PCS**



**Abigail Guillen, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Capital City PCS**

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## **Keenan Courtland, ANC 4B03:**

ANC 4B03 has seen several improvements to the community in the past year. First, we are thankful for the continued investment from the Washington Nationals towards Bryce Harper Field. The team supported improvements to the field, including a new sign as well as sprucing up the field and dugouts for our youth.

We also recognize the long-standing support and safety focused work from Councilmember Lewis-George and her team in ensuring the 4-way stop at 3rd and Rittenhouse, as well as speedbumps in the corridor between 3rd and 7th on Rittenhouse. ANC 4B continues to benefit from the installation of traffic calming measures.

At this time, you will see new fencing erected at Takoma Recreation Center Fields adjacent to Calvin Coolidge High School. This is the future home of the Whittier Elementary School Swing Space. I am thankful for the leadership from DC Public Schools and the Office of the Mayor for their steadfast support in providing the highest quality solutions for our students during the vital renovation period Whitter ES is undertaking.

I am grateful for the support of my fellow commissioners, the city leaders with whom we collaborate, and my neighbors who have entrusted me in this role as we move quickly into the exciting opportunities of 2026!

## **Charlie Mayer, ANC 4B04:**

2025 was a year of growth in 4B04. With completion of The Glade on Laurel we welcomed many new residents. Another new arrival is the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT), which arrived during 2025 after decades of planning many months of intense construction.

Growth came with some pain as street parking moved from plentiful to scarce. Traffic around the MBT has been challenging, especially during rush hour at Blair and Aspen. Parents at Breakthrough Montessori expressed concern for the safety of their children walking to and from school.

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## **4B04, Continued:**

Each of these challenges were an opportunity for the ANC to partner with citizens and government agencies. The DDOT team including Samer Alhawamdeh, Zhibo Zhang, and Karyn McAlister engaged with the community to collect concerns and develop solutions to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow. The DPW team including Deborah Daise and Tiffany Smith-Bell met with citizens to discuss parking regulations and enforcement. A plan for increased parking enforcement was developed on the spot and deployed immediately.

After years of construction, 4B04 is looking forward to enjoying the new MBT and welcoming new neighbors. If the last few years were about building housing and infrastructure, the next few years will be about building connections across our vibrant and growing community.

## **Sophia Tekola/Tamira Benitez, ANC 4B05:**

Sophia Tekola served the 4B05 community as ANC Commissioner and Chair of ANC 4B from January 2025 until September 1, 2025. The Commission welcomed Tamira Benitez as the newly elected Commissioner in November 2025.

## **Tiffani Nichole Johnson, ANC 4B06:**

Between October 2024 and September 2025, ANC 4B06 prioritized traffic safety, digital accessibility, and community engagement—anchoring its work in practical advocacy and inclusive outreach.

Over the past year, ANC 4B06 advanced several neighborhood-centered initiatives. Traffic safety remained a top priority, with the Commissioner advocating for Vision Zero infrastructure improvements such as raised crosswalks, curb extensions, protected bike lanes and clearer signage—especially near schools and high-traffic corridors in Manor Park. These efforts aimed to reduce speeding and protect pedestrians and cyclists, responding directly to resident concerns. Commissioner Johnson has also continued to advocate for the Department of Buildings to maintain the lawns at vacant and blighted properties and ensuring those properties are taxed at the appropriate rate. Lastly, the Commissioner has worked with the Department of Public Works for consistent trash and recycling collection, collection supervision to document and remedy spillage as well as reporting ROSA violations for ticketing and towing.

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## **4B06, Continued:**

In addition to monthly virtual single member district meetings, ANC 4B06 also began hosting in-person office hours at our newest ANC 4B coffee shop, Idido Coffee & Social and 2nd and Kennedy Streets. The SMD had a spring clean-up in Fort Slocum in addition to adopting the 5600-5800 blocks of 3rd Place and 3rd Street NW. The Commissioner also supports the Fort Slocum doggy bag station by regularly replenishing the bags for our four-legged neighbors.

ANC 4B06 proffered the following resolutions and letters, all of which were approved by the Commission:[C41]

RESOLUTION #4B-25-0204 Advocating for Full Funding of the Make All Votes Count DC Initiative

RESOLUTION #4B-25-0203 Supporting the Secure Apartments for Everyone Regulation Amendment Act of 2025

Resolution #4b-25-0302 - Calling On the DC Department of Public Works To Enforce ROSA Violations For Vehicles With Temporary Tags

Letter Urging Policy Changes to Metropolitan Police Department General Orders to Prohibit the Reinstatement of Police Officers Convicted of Crimes

RESOLUTION #4B-25-0402 Opposing DC Council's Emergency Legislation to Close Meetings

RESOLUTION #4B-25-0403 Opposing the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia's Consideration of Withholding Police Misconduct Information from Defense Attorneys

RESOLUTION #4B-25-0404 Condemning Congressional Efforts to Undermine Washington, DC's Status as a Sanctuary City

RESOLUTION #4B-25-0405 Calling For the DC Council To Strengthen and Expand "Ban the Box" Policies

Letter Requesting Legislation to Prohibit the Reinstatement of MPD Officers Convicted of Crimes or Found in Violation of General Orders

ANC 4B06 also submitted the following testimony before the DC Council and/or their Committees:

Testimony in support of B25-1003 "Vacant to Vibrant Amendment Act of 2024"

Testimony Requesting Additional National Park Service Supports in ANC 4B06

Testimony in Opposition to B26-73 "Heads Up! Distraction-Free Learning Amendment Act of 2025"

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## **4B06, Continued:**

Testimony on Strategies to Support the Health and Well-being of Our Aging Population and Strengthen the Long-Term Care Workforce

Testimony in Opposition to the Reinstatement of Police Officers Convicted of Crimes or Found to Have Violated MPD General Orders

Testimony Supporting PR26-0108 "Sense of the Council on Supporting Humane and Trauma-Informed Responses to Behavioral Health Crises Resolution of 2025"

Testimony in Opposition to B26-188 "The Pretrial Detention Amendment Act of 2025"

ANC 4B06 signed onto the following letters to DC government agencies:

Letter Requesting Urgent Attention and Action Regarding Inhumane Conditions at DC Jail

Letter Regarding an Urgent Request to Revise Boil Water Advisories to Include Filter-and-Boil Recommendation

Letter Requesting DC Council Emergency Work Session Regarding Budget Priorities

Letter Regarding Upholding Transparency, Accountability, and Public Safety

## **Michael Cohen, ANC 4B07:**

2025 proved to be a strong year for ANC 4B07, even amidst some of the challenges that our city and our Ward has faced via federal interdiction (federal takeover, government shutdown, ICE enforcement). We've held community walks, meetings, and cleanups; participated in events like Art All Night and the Senior Jubilee; and raised neighbors' voices through advocacy at the DC Council and with councilmembers. Additionally, we were able to make some meaningful changes, via our support, to the amendments proposed by Friendship Ideal PCS, and we've addressed a number of requests, questions, and concerns related to the Metropolitan Branch Trail (MBT). We've also advocated for a safer Lamond Recreation Center and look forward to a playground refresh there in the near future. The community also came together for the Manor Park Community Celebration, where neighbors were able to gather for food and live music while we welcomed the mayor and councilmember to rename the triangle park site 'the Ron Austin Memorial Park'. Finally, we were able to see the implementation of some sorely needed traffic safety infrastructure in 4B07, including four -way stops and new road markings in both Manor Park and Takoma.

**Amy Saravia Ayala, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Capital City PCS**



**Lawrence Leonardo, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Capital City PCS**



**Santiago Perez, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Capital City PCS**



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## **Garret Moore, ANC 4B08:**

As I close out my first year serving as ANC Commissioner for 4B08, I want to thank everyone for the support, patience, and engagement as I've learned the role and worked to address the issues that matter most to my SMD. My top priority when I started as Commissioner was to meet as many people in my SMD, face-to-face, as I possibly could. I am constantly out walking my giant schnauzer, Mystic, in the neighborhood and this helped me accomplish this!

A few highlights that I'd like to callout for 4B08 include:

1. My partnership with Roots Public Charter School has been a major focus. I attended several meetings with their administration and teachers to talk about their needs for the school. In addition, with Roots participating in the DDOT Safe Routes to School project, I was able to walk the surrounding neighborhood with DDOT representatives and the school team to plan out what safety improvements will be a part of this effort.
2. As part of my walking tour, I visited many of the businesses in my SMD and was privileged enough to spend time with the owner of Chick-fil-A on a special tour of their operations. I'm proud that many of our businesses support the community through jobs and outreach.
3. During the Better Bus Network rollout, several constituents reached out with concerns about major hubs that were slated for removal at North Capitol and Missouri. I started communicating with the Better Bus team at WMATA and we were able to come to a solution where those stops would not be removed.
4. I held several neighborhood cleanups this year and specifically concentrated on the grassy area across from the gas station at New Hampshire and Kennedy, where we continued to see a problem with trash. I also worked closely with DPW to ask that they mow the triangle area that sits across from the new businesses in our SMD, Idido's Coffee and Hair Depot.

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## **4B08, Continued:**

5. I participated on several neighborhood police walks addressing community safety concerns.

All in all, it's been a busy but rewarding first year. I've learned a lot about how the city works and have built some strong relationships with many of these services. I look forward to continuing this work in 2026 and making even more progress together with the neighbors in 4B08.

## **Danielle Geong, ANC 4B09:**

Our Riggs Park community sits at the historic northeastern gateway to our city. We have a growing commercial corridor in an increasingly dense residential neighborhood, so my work has focused on pulling city, community, and commercial investment into our area. 4B09 neighbors grounded our efforts around several key themes: Community safety, beautification, and fostering joyful, creative spaces that connect residents of all ages.

### Community safety:

ANC 4B09 contains three high-speed, high-volume major arterial roads that serve thousands of commuters and residents each day, and we are adjacent to a major transit hub at the Fort Totten Metro. ANC 4B passed Resolution #4B-25-0202 "Calling for Installation of Meaningful Traffic Safety Infrastructure around LaSalle-Backus Elementary School" in support of safer traffic conditions for pedestrians and drivers by the school. The LBES PTO met with DDOT, the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, CM Lewis George's office, CM Parker, and SBOE to advocate for a Safe Routes to School Action plan in 2026. In response to community concerns, DDOT improved school zone signage at Riggs Rd and Madison St NE, added pickup-dropoff zone signage, and installed daylighting to improve crosswalk visibility at that intersection. 4B09 neighbors also met with DDOT on closing sidewalk gaps and urban forestry questions on 4<sup>th</sup> St NE and Kennedy St NE, which DDOT is scoping for 2026 construction. We invited the MPD 4D Commander for a community walk on Eastern Avenue safety and traffic enforcement, with support from 4B08 Cmmr. Moore.

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## **4B09, Continued:**

Advocates in our community submitted testimony for at least two DC Council agency oversight hearings and four budget committee hearings. We continue to ask DDOT to prioritize this area for safety improvements.

ANC 4B is proud to serve a diverse, multicultural community. ANC 4B09 collaborated with neighbors and community stakeholders to transmit a letter to DCPS and DCPCSB on immigration enforcement guidance. We contacted Congresswoman Norton's office to request information on ICE arrests in our area, and invited UDC Law School to present a know-your-rights training and distributed red cards across the community to inform neighbors of their constitutional rights.

### Beautification:

ANC 4B09 partnered with Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association and CM Lewis George's office to advocate with LBX Investments for cleaner conditions in the Walmart and Ft Totten Square retail garage, including towing abandoned vehicles, power-washing, paint refresh, brighter lighting, and rodent abatement. Neighbors joined three community cleanups with LRCA, The Parks Main Street Clean Team, Casey Trees, 4B08, 4B09, 4B10, and ANC 5A with assistance from DPW, Mayor's Office of the Clean City, Giant Food, and Riggs Liquor. 4B09 escalated 311 tickets to DPW for ROSA violations, trash bin replacements, and graffiti removal. ANCs 4B09 and 5A01 planted daffodil bulbs at the Bertie-Backus 9/11 memorial this fall so keep an eye out for blooms in spring 2026. One key priority for 2026 is petitioning DPW for alternate-day street sweeping on Eastern Ave.

### Fostering creative connections:

ANC 4B passed resolution #4B-25-0301 "Supporting Application for Special Exception at 405 Riggs Road NE (BZA 21257)" in support of Newlen Educational Service's BZA application for building improvements at Faith Moravian church. We hosted art activations at the Riggs Park Art Crawl and Art All Night, in partnership with 4B01 Cmmr. Christian, 4B06 Cmmr. Johnson, 4B10 Cmmr. Berry, The Parks Main Street, Greater Washington Urban League, Lamond-Riggs library, and The VIP Room.

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## **4B09, Continued:**

4B passed resolution #4B-25-1002 "Supporting Community Open Use Hours at Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center Field" requesting DPR block weekend hours for unstructured neighborhood use. ANCs 4B09 and 4B10 joined the Lamond Community Action Group as costume contest panel judges alongside Councilmember Janeese "Chili Heeler" Lewis George. In 2026 DCPS will start planning LaSalle-Backus Elementary School modernization for SY27-29 so ANC 4B will remain engaged during the design and implementation process.

## **Jinin Berry, ANC 4B10:**

Jinin Berry is serving her second term as commissioner in 4B10. She has focused her work on community events, public safety, and vacant properties. She is a member of the ANC Vacant Property Caucus which has collaborated with the Department of Buildings to share knowledge to effectively address vacant properties. She attends monthly meetings for many neighborhood groups and organizations like the Lamond Riggs Citizens Association (LRCA), the Lamond Community Action Group (LCAG), Lamond-Riggs Public Safety Group (LRPSG), and Citizens Aware. She has helped plan events like Earth Day, where flowers were planted at Milligans Point and trash was picked up by volunteers. Community clean up days where in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of the Clean City trash was picked up in 4B10. In June she successfully obtained a grant from ANC 4B for a summer event. 75 people joined the event where kids enjoyed a bounce house and the neighborhood was able to celebrate community. For Halloween, she worked with the Lamond Community Action Group to distribute gift bags to seniors and to hold a neighborhood potluck and costume contest which was judged by LCAG president Nazim Curtis, Councilwoman Janeese Lewis George, Commissioner Danielle Geong and Commissioner Jinin Berry. For the holidays, she organizes a gift card fundraiser for children in DC foster care and for child and family services, a cause she is passionate about as a person that was also in foster care. She has also worked with Commissioner Michael Cohen to pass a resolution to better safety at the Lamond Recreation Center following a events which effected the safety of the neighborhood.



**Yahli Gan, 4B07 youth,  
attending school in 4B09**



**Commissioners Geong (4B09)  
and Berry (4B10) with  
Councilmember Lewis George**

# COMMITTEES & OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

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## **Committee on Community Safety and Support:**

Commissioner and Vice Chair Johnson chaired the Committee on Community Safety and Support and engaged with multiple community safety stakeholders from across the city to advance and support improved community safety. The committee generally met on the third Thursday of each month. Members of the committee included Ro Brooks and Charles Linton. If interested in engaging in community safety discussions, please reach out to Commissioner Johnson, 4b06@anc.dc.gov.

## **ANC 4B Operational Successes and Challenges:**

Starting January 2, 2025, ANC 4B was comprised of 10 Commissioners, three of which were returning from the prior Commission, and seven of which were newly elected. As a mostly new Commission, learning various processes and responsibilities was a heavier lift than in previous years. The Commission faced several technical challenges with its technology stack – namely the integration and dependencies between its electronic notification system, its website and calendar plug-in. The Commission continues to expand its internal capabilities in leveraging our technology stack while also exploring opportunities to better leverage technology to ensure residents experience a smooth and seamless experience when engaging with ANC 4B. Moving to hybrid meetings this year also presented unique opportunities and unique challenges, including securing meeting space and meeting A/V support. While being in person offered valuable opportunities for neighbors to engage with one another and for Commissioners to further discuss Commission-related business, the Commission returned to a virtual-only format for its November 2025 meeting. In December, the Commission will meet to determine the calendar for planning and public meetings for 2026 as well as identify government agencies and groups to invite to present at public meetings. During that planning meeting, the Commission will determine if any of its 2026 meetings will be hybrid. The Technical Assistance Fund – which was provided via the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions – had previously reimbursed the costs the Commission incurred for securing A/V set-up and support for hybrid meetings; that fund will no longer be available, which will factor into the Commission's consideration of proceeding with hybrid meetings in calendar year 2026.

The Commission has also struggled with gaining access to online banking. This has made financial reporting more cumbersome than anticipated. The Commission continues to **23** make attempts to gain access to online banking as we close out 2025.

# COMMITTEES & OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

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## ANC 4B Financial Overview:

While the year was relatively light in terms of spending, and the Commission continues to enjoy a surplus of funds in its account with Industrial Bank, the Commission faced a challenge in early 2025 in its FY25 allotment due to three prior grants that were issued by ANC 4B but were not approved by OANC - this resulted in \$10,460.80 in reimbursements being withheld from FY25. OANC withheld one full allotment in the amount of \$6,744.38 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY2025 and they withheld a partial amount of \$3,716.50 from the Commission's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY2025 allotment. The Commission expects to receive the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 25 partial allotment that was approved by OANC towards the end of Calendar Year 2025. Two grants were issued by the Commission towards the end of the fiscal year, which ended September 30, 2025: one for a community event in Lamond and the other for the Ron Austin Memorial Park dedication and community event in Manor Park.

At the beginning of FY25 - which began on October 1, 2024 and ended on September 30, 2025 - the Commission had an account balance of \$47,098.88.

At the beginning of FY26 - which began on October 1, 2025 - the Commission had an account balance of \$48,141.47.