



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mayor Muriel Bowser  
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### RE: ANC 2E's FY 2024 Budget Priorities

Dear Mayor Bowser,

On February 27, 2023 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E urges you to include the below priorities in your FY 2024 proposed budget. The top three projects listed will provide real-world educational benefits to our young residents and the community at-large. Moreover, one of the projects can further align our community's efforts to educate visitors about Georgetown's and our city's African American history, a goal you and your staff consistently have stated you want to support. Councilmember Pinto's February 13, 2023 letter to you regarding her Ward 2 budget priorities included many of those presented below.

#### Hardy Middle School:

- **Expand Common Spaces:** Hardy Middle School will be at full capacity next year with an anticipated 600 students. A complete upgrade to the auditorium and cafeteria is needed. New lockers also are needed.
- **Teacher and Administrative Positions:** Hardy Middle School will grow by almost 10% next year, but is sorely lacking vital teachers in visual arts, drama, and STEM, as well as key administrative roles, including an additional Assistant Principal, an additional office staff position, and one behavioral specialist.

Mt. Zion Church: Reinforce and improve the physical structure of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. Mt. Zion is the oldest African American congregation in Washington,

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DC, formed by free and enslaved African Americans. The church buildings played a role in the Underground Railroad. The structures represent a microcosm of the African American journey in America. Renovations are needed for the structural integrity of the buildings so that they can continue on as a key part of our city's African American education landmarks, and so that this historic landmark can be accessible to all no matter their physical abilities. (\$1,500,000)

Book Hill and Triangle Park: Green spaces are integral to the well-being of our city and residents, providing respite, gathering spaces, and biodiversity. At the triangle park, funding is needed to transform the parklet into a visually appealing programmable community asset for visitors, residents, and businesses. It will function as a gateway and demarcation of the Book Hill neighborhood. At Book Hill Park, funding is needed for irrigation, mending and painting the fence, building out the garden, and providing tables and benches. (\$200,000)

Beyond these ANC-specific projects, ANC 2E echoes support for the following requests from our Ward 2 Councilmember:

- The need to bolster public safety, including adequate staffing, recruitment, and training for the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).
- Transportation related priorities, especially the need for expanded bus service and work on the C&O Canal; plus, Councilmember Frumin's request to purchase the Foundry Branch Trolley Trestle, understanding that analysis is needed on how this space would best complement our city's green network options.
- A more comprehensive approach to rodent management for businesses and residences; rodent management has become a public health issue for our city.

ANC 2E welcomes the opportunity to speak about our support for these needed projects.

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Respectfully submitted,



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