



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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Chairman Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
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RE: DC Council Bill B22-0080 – the “Access to Justice for Immigrants Amendment Act of 2017”

Dear Chairman Mendelson,

On June 29, 2017 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

WHEREAS, Councilmember Brianne Nadeau has introduced DC Council Bill B22-0080, the “Access to Justice for Immigrants Amendment Act of 2017”, to establish a permanent mechanism for funding the provision of civil immigration legal services,

WHEREAS, ANC 2E, a non-partisan body, neither supports nor opposes the enactment of DC Council Bill B22-0080,

WHEREAS, the constituents of ANC 2E include immigrant students,

WHEREAS, DC Council Bill B22-0080 is ambiguous with respect to whether student residents in the District of Columbia would be entitled to receive benefits provided by the bill, if it were to be enacted into law, and

WHEREAS, under the District of Columbia Code sections 2-1401.02(18) and 2-1402.73, no service or benefit given by the District of Columbia shall be refused to anyone on the basis of the fact that the individual requesting the service or benefit is a student enrolled in, among other institutions, a college or university.

COMMISSIONERS:

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2E hereby requests that in the event that the DC Council enacts Bill B22-0080, the bill should first be amended to explicitly include students who reside in the District of Columbia and are enrolled at institutions of higher education in the District of Columbia as potential recipients of the legal services that would be funded by the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gibbons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E