



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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### RE: Mayor's Proposed FY 2024 Budget

Dear Mayor Bowser and Chairman Mendelson,

On April 3, 2023 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:

ANC 2E commends Mayor Bowser for including important funding in her FY 2024 proposed budget for Hardy Middle School, Book Hill Park, and the triangle park. These projects provide real-world educational benefits to our young residents and the community at-large.

ANC 2E would like to voice our support for these projects and further request that additional money be included for more extensive renovations at Hardy Middle School. Moreover, the ANC continues to feel strongly that the city should provide money to improve the physical infrastructure for Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, the oldest African American congregation in Washington, DC and part of the Underground Railroad.

ANC 2E seeks clarification and input on the \$3 million line item for the Georgetown (Wisconsin Avenue NW) Safety and Mobility Project. This is the first that the ANC has heard of this project and neither the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) nor our Ward 2 Councilmember nor the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) know the intent and scope of the project.

Finally, ANC 2E would like to reiterate the ongoing need in our city to bolster public safety, including adequate staffing, recruitment, and training for our Metropolitan Police

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Department (MPD). The ANC urges the Mayor and the DC Council to place the needed resources towards the MPD budget, at a minimum supporting the existing budget request from the Mayor.

**Hardy Middle School:**

Expand Common Spaces: Hardy Middle School will be at full capacity next year with an anticipated 600 students. The Mayor has proposed a new expanded cafeteria and ANC 2E supports that. The ANC also asks the DC Council to provide additional funding to renovate and modernize the degraded auditorium. The auditorium's sound quality has gotten so bad that the Hardy Middle School spring musical is seeking other venues and new, larger lockers also are needed.

**Book Hill Park and Triangle Park:**

Green spaces are integral to the well-being of our city and residents, providing respite, gathering spaces, and biodiversity. ANC 2E appreciates Mayor Bowser including \$400 thousand in the FY 2024 proposed budget for Book Hill Park. The ANC would like to clarify that the ask was for \$200 thousand for Book Hill Park and \$200 thousand for the triangle park, two parks that are across the street from each other and are gateways into Georgetown. Councilmember Pinto clarified that in her budget letter and the ANC would like to amplify that clarification – \$200 thousand would go to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for Book Hill Park, which would be used for irrigation, mending and painting the fence, building out the garden, and providing tables and benches, and \$200 thousand would go to the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for triangle park improvements in order to activate the space for local businesses and residents.

**Mt. Zion United Methodist Church:**

Reinforcing and improving the physical structure of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church is important to ensuring accessibility for all who want to enter. Mt. Zion is the oldest African American congregation in Washington, 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. Please add \$1,500,000 to the FY 2024 budget.

Commissioner Elizabeth Miller ([2E07@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2E07@anc.dc.gov)) is the Commission's representative in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Miller'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a small star-like mark above the 'i'.

Elizabeth Miller  
Chair, ANC 2E