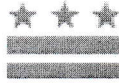


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



RESOLUTION REGARDING DC COUNCIL BILL B21-0826
(Draft Statehood Constitution)

WHEREAS, the New Columbia Statehood Commission has proposed a draft Constitution for the State of New Columbia to be recommended to Congress by the DC Council, which is included in bill B21-0826;

WHEREAS, the DC Council scheduled public hearings on B21-0826 on September 27 and October 6, 2016;

Whereas, ANC3B has concerns about the original draft Constitution and wishes to put those concerns on the record before the Council's public hearing files are closed on this issue:

- We believe it is important for the sake of fiscal integrity to retain the independent powers of the DC Auditor and to ensure that the currently independent Chief Financial Officer not be subordinated under the chief executive;
- We believe it is desirable for the Public Service Commission, Water and Sewer Authority, and Zoning Commission to retain their current roles and responsibilities and their ability to function independent of the control of the chief executive;
- We believe it is important for the continuity of governance and representation of the people that the roles and structure of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and Single Member Districts as currently codified in DC Code should be reflected in the provisions of the final version of the Constitution, to avoid misunderstanding or confusion that could damage their ability to carry out their valuable functions;

WHEREAS, it is prudent that the draft Constitution should contain clear language on the framework of the government in the event that the Council and Congress approve statehood and at the same time the draft Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 3B urges the DC Council to include in its markup of Bill B21-0826 language that:

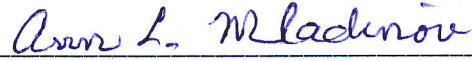
- a) clearly preserves the existing powers of the DC Auditor, Chief Financial Officer, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, Public Service Commission, Water and Sewer Authority, and the Zoning Commission, undiminished and uninterrupted from the moment statehood becomes effective, as recommended in the Comments to the DC Council Committee of the Whole filed by former and current ANC Commissioners August 7, August 18, and August 23, 2016; and
- b) upon approval of statehood by Congress, provides DC voters with the opportunity to ratify or disapprove in binding referendum the Constitution and any other terms and conditions to statehood as Congress may prescribe in the Admission Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman or the Commissioner of ~~ANC3B-61~~ or their designees are authorized to represent the Commission on this matter.

This Resolution was APPROVED by a vote of 4-1 at a duly noticed public meeting of ANC3B on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at which a quorum was present. (A quorum is 3 of the 5 sitting members.)



Jackie Blumenthal, Chairman



Ann Mladinov, Secretary