

2021 Annual Report

**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B
Government of the District of Columbia**



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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (Commission), at a duly noticed public meeting held on November 22, 2021, at which a quorum of Commissioners was present, voted with 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions to file this Annual Report with the Mayor and DC Council, as well as publish this Report on the [Commission's website](#) and on the [Advisory Neighborhood Commission Resolution Portal](#). This Report covers activities between November 2020 and November 2021 but excludes actions taken at the Commission's November 22, 2021, meeting given the Commission's vote to approve the Report at that meeting. 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); [\(n-1\)](#) (providing that each Commission shall publish an annual report summarizing its activities over the preceding

12 months).

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Annual Report provides (1) a summary of the Commission's activities, including details regarding the Commission's regular public meetings and the activities of individual Commissioners within their Single Member Districts; (2) information regarding key issues faced by the Commission and actions recommended by the Commission via resolution, other official Commission action, or individual Commissioner action; (3) details on the Commission's operational status, including progress with regard to committees, structural improvements implemented by the Commission, and the continued need for centralized supports, particularly as related to technology; and (4) updates regarding the Commission's financial status, including the Commission's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and its Fiscal Year 2021 Quarterly Financial Reports.



This year presented a number of continued challenges related to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency. Commission and Commissioner actions to support the community in response to the public health emergency and efforts to ensure broad access to and inclusivity of Commission meetings and other government operations are noted throughout this Report.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Activities

Eight Commissioners were appointed to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B in January 2021, seven of whom continued to serve from the previous term and one of whom (the Commissioner for Single Member District 4B03) began their service in January 2021. One seat – Single Member District 4B05 – was vacant at the start of the term and certified as filled in July 2021 under [DC Code §1-309.06\(d\)\(6\)\(D\)](#). Commissioners continued to work constructively and collaboratively, and the Commission was extremely productive, holding ten (10) regular public meetings and ten (10) planning meetings, as well as approving 61 resolutions from November 2020 through October 2021.

The Commission unanimously elected the following officers at its January 25, 2021, meeting:

- **Alison Brooks, Chair, ANC 4B08 Commissioner;**
- **Brenda Parks, Vice Chair, ANC 4B04 Commissioner;**
- **Geoff Bromaghim, Treasurer, ANC 4B07 Commissioner; and**
- **Erin Palmer, Secretary, ANC 4B02 Commissioner.**

The Commission also voted to appoint Commissioner Bromaghim as its representative to the Walter Reed Community Advisory Committee at its January 25, 2021, meeting. In addition, the Commission approved its participation in the 2021 Advisory Neighborhood Commission Security Fund at its January 25, 2021, meeting. See [DC Code § 1 309.14\(b\)](#) (“Each Advisory Neighborhood Commission may become a participant of the Fund upon payment to the Fund of an annual contribution at the beginning of the fiscal year in an amount to be determined by the Trustees.”).

The Commission held ten (10) regular public meetings and ten (10) planning meetings between November 2020 and October 2021. The Commission approved and held meetings in January, February, March, April, May, June, July, September, October, and November 2021, with a Commission recess in August and December 2021. While the Commission’s past practice had been to recess in July, August, and December, this year, the Commission held a regular public meeting in July 2021 to address time-sensitive matters and prevent a backlog of matters before the Commission, as well as to facilitate continued engagement with and responsiveness to the community. The Commission intends to continue meeting in July and holding ten (10) regular public meetings per year.

Like last year, the Commission continued to meet virtually in response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency and retained technical assistance to facilitate virtual meetings. The DC Council has extended the ability of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to meet virtually through February 4, 2022. See [DC Code § 1 309.11\(b\)\(1B\)](#) (“[A]n Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner may call a meeting and remotely participate in that meeting and vote on matters before the Commission without being physically present through a teleconference or through digital means identified by the Commission for this purpose. Members physically or remotely present shall be counted for determination of a quorum.”). Overall, the Commission saw an increase in the number of meeting attendees and participation, and the Commission hopes to continue to offer a virtual option to attend and participate in Commission meetings, among other measures, to continue to improve the inclusivity and accessibility of Commission meetings, even when in-person meetings resume.

Each of the Commission's ten (10) regular public meetings included standing presentations from the Commission's Treasurer, individual Commissioner updates, and details regarding recent Committee activities, as well as standing invitations to the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, the Office of the Ward 4 Councilmember, the Metropolitan Police Department's 4th District, and the Ward 4 Representative to the State Board of Education. The Commission welcomed additional presentations from DC government agencies, community groups, and others, including a presentation from Mayor Muriel Bowser at the Commission's July 26, 2021, meeting regarding her (then) proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and COVID-19 (coronavirus) relief and recovery efforts and a presentation from At-Large Councilmember Elissa Silverman at the Commission's October 25, 2021, meeting on redistricting in Washington, DC.

Each regular public meeting also included time for community concerns. See [DC Code § 1-309.11\(b\)\(3\)](#) ("Each Commission shall set aside a portion of each public meeting to hear the views of residents within the Commission area and other affected persons on problems or issues of concern within the Commission area and on proposed District government actions that affect the Commission area. Community views shall be adequately considered in positions taken by the Commission.").

In addition, Commissioners in Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B engaged in numerous activities within their Single Member Districts designed to inform and educate residents. These include the following:

Evan Yeats, ANC 4B01 Commissioner

Commissioner Yeats is Co-Chair of the Commission's Vision Zero Committee, focused on reducing deaths and injuries in the Commission area. He is proud to have worked collaboratively with Commissioners across Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B to address these issues and to ensure safety of neighbors and friends. He also works across the Commission area to support school communities and the success of students and children. He continues to regularly work with neighbors to support them with District agencies, communicate community and Commission updates, and build a thriving Takoma. He testifies before the DC Council on issues that are important to the community as well as other relevant governing bodies, with a special focus on improving DC's education system. He co-hosts a regular Adopt-a-Block (Mayor's Office of the Clean City) cleanup with Commissioner Palmer.

Erin Palmer, ANC 4B02 Commissioner

Commissioner Palmer serves as the Commission's Secretary, maintaining and ensuring distribution of Commission agendas, minutes, and the Commission's Annual Report. She is Chair of the Commission's Housing Justice Committee. She also serves as Co-Chair of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association ANC Vision Zero Caucus. Commissioner Palmer engaged the local community regarding the DC budget process via a survey and hosted a budget engagement forum (co-hosted with Commissioner Yeats and Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson). She held a 311 Live event to walk the neighborhood with representatives from the Office of Unified Communications and submit and respond to 311 requests (co-hosted with Commissioner Yeats). In addition, Commissioner Palmer organized #TranspoBINGO, an active transportation

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challenge, and Sidewalk Palooza, a month dedicated to highlighting pedestrian safety and infrastructure (with events across the District, including one at the Takoma Theater co-hosted with Commissioner Yeats). Commissioner Palmer supported neighbors in obtaining a grant from the District Department of Energy and Environment to address blockwide stormwater management issues, including engaging neighbors via two educational events to solicit input regarding a design solution. Commissioner Palmer regularly testifies before the DC Council and government agencies on matters of relevance to the Commission area, including improved mechanisms to address abandoned vehicles, traffic safety infrastructure, and school facilities maintenance. She has hosted over a dozen community cleanups over the year, including several Adopt-a-Block (Mayor's Office of the Clean City) cleanups (co-hosted with Commissioner Yeats). Commissioner Palmer distributes a monthly email newsletter and maintains a Commissioner website to help keep neighbors informed regarding her work on the Commission.

Jocelynn Johnson (JJ), ANC 4B03 Commissioner

Commissioner Johnson works with residents to address various neighborhood issues. She has worked with neighbors on issues surrounding ongoing loitering on Rittenhouse Street, NW, and Georgia Avenue, NW, homelessness on Quackenbos Street, NW, parking and tree pruning/cutting, and crime in Ward 4, as well as unsafe and dangerous traffic issues that seemed to be overlooked by the District Department of Transportation. She worked with two residents who had issues before the District Board of Zoning Adjustment and assisted residents, along with Tiffani Nichole Johnson, ANC 4B06 Commissioner, to produce a joint Resolution to address the unsafe streets and traffic issues on streets within both their Single Member Districts. She met with one of the owners of the Laundromat located in the Georgia Avenue, NW, and Rittenhouse Street, NW, Shopping Center about concerns with loitering, and brought their concerns to Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George and her staff, as well as raised those concerns during a meeting with Mayor Muriel Bowser in September, among other neighborhood issues. Commissioner Johnson serves as the Vice Chairperson of the Ward 4 Mini Commission on Aging, lending support to Ward 4 seniors.

Brenda Parks, ANC 4B04 Commissioner

Commissioner Parks serves as the Commission's Vice Chair, assisting the Commission's Chair and presiding over Commission meetings in Commissioner Brooks' absence. As a senior member of the Commission, Commissioner Parks offers historical perspective and institutional knowledge regarding issues that come before the Commission. She has regular conversations with the District Department of Public Works, the District Department of Transportation, the District Department of Health, and the District Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to address the needs in her Single Member District. Commissioner Parks is a strong proponent of equity in the community and continues to work toward addressing the issues in Single Member District 4B04.

Graham Button, ANC 4B05 Commissioner

Since being sworn in on July 30, 2021, Commissioner Button has endeavored to meet with his constituents and learn about their priorities by walking door-to-door in his Single Member District. He has participated in anti-gun violence demonstrations, walks, and briefings with DC Councilmembers Janeese Lewis George and Robert White, representatives of various DC government agencies, and other Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. He has also participated in regular safety walks with the Metropolitan Police Department. Commissioner Button has had discussions with Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners from neighboring Single Member Districts regarding the issues and potential solutions pertinent to their joint neighborhoods.

In response to constituents, Commissioner Button has worked with DC government agencies to respond to specific problems. Commissioner Button looks forward to continuing to work with his constituents and agency counterparts for the betterment of Single Member District 4B05.

Tiffani Nichole Johnson, ANC 4B06 Commissioner

Commissioner Johnson serves as Chair of the Commission's Community Safety and Support Committee. Commissioner Johnson holds monthly Single Member District meetings to share information with constituents and learn about any concerns warranting attention or follow-up at the Advisory Neighborhood Commission level. She also provides the community with information and resources via her Single Member District 4B06 website, social media (Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter), and her Free Little Library. Commissioner Johnson sponsored a community clean-up of Fort Slocum Park in collaboration with the National Park Service and the Rock Creek Conservancy. One of the major issues facing Single Member District 4B06 has been infrastructure, specifically, increasing safety measures for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. Commissioner Johnson entered over twenty (20) separate 311 requests for sidewalk repairs and traffic safety investigations. Commissioner Johnson has also collaborated with government agencies and DC Council representatives on behalf of her constituency.

Geoff Bromaghim, ANC 4B07 Commissioner

Commissioner Bromaghim serves as the Commission's Treasurer, developing the Commission's annual budget and preparing Quarterly Financial Reports. He is also the Commission's representative to the Walter Reed Community Advisory Committee. He regularly participates in various neighborhood meetings. He organized three (3) Single Member District community meetings in 2021 to meet with constituents and share information about matters before the Commission. The most consuming issues for Single Member District 4B07 continue to include coordinating input on multiple proposed developments and responding to traffic safety concerns.

Alison Brooks, ANC 4B08 Commissioner

Commissioner Brooks serves as the Commission's Chair and Co-Chair of the Commission's Vision Zero Committee. Commissioner Brooks distributes a bimonthly newsletter and holds regular office hours. She also regularly attends all community association meetings within her Single Member District. Commissioner Brooks organized Single Member District community meetings to meet with constituents and share information about matters before the Commission and other community concerns. Communication during the public health emergency continued to be of vital importance. Some of the issues for Single Member District 4B08 include addressing blighted properties throughout the Single Member District; two Kennedy Street, NW, developments; a new Chick Fil A project; responding to public safety issues; and cleaning up the community. Quarterly, residents participate in an Adopt-a-Block program (Mayor's Office of the Clean City), and Commissioner Brooks hopes to expand to multiple locations in 2022. To work toward the city's Vision Zero goal, she has collaborated with the District Department of Transportation to reduce the number of traffic accidents at the intersection of North Capitol Street, NW, and Longfellow Street, NW, and this year bore witness to the installation of the requested traffic calming measures at that intersection. She has held regular neighborhood walk throughs with DC government agencies to address dumping, crime, dangerous intersections, reduction

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of the rodent population, and abandoned, vacant, and blighted properties. When Single Member District 4B05 did not have representation, as Chair, Commissioner Brooks led a Single Member District meeting and with the support of other 4B Commissioners attempted to address outstanding issues until a new Commissioner could be elected. She continues to meet neighbors, identify issues, and work collaboratively toward resolutions.

LaRoya Huff, ANC 4B09 Commissioner

Commissioner Huff serves as Chair of the Commission's Recreation and Community Spaces Committee. She has worked with DC government agencies, including the District Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs to resolve and secure the safety of abandoned homes and lots; the District Department of Transportation regarding increased lighting, roadway repair and replacement, alley replacement, sidewalk replacements, curb replacements, and sign replacements, as well as in support of numerous Traffic Safety Assessments; the District's Metropolitan Police Department to address public safety concerns, including installation of security cameras and helping residents obtain related rebates; and the District Department of Energy and the Environment and the STAY DC program to help residents with rental and utility assistance and other resources. Commissioner Huff continues to hold walk throughs with the District Department of Health to address rodent abatement; with the District Department of Public Works to address trash can and recycling can replacement, coordinated alley cleaning, bulk trash pickup, abandoned car removal, and to get residents' parking tickets resolved and dissolved; and with the District Department of Parks and Recreation for improvements for the Riggs-LaSalle Community Center site and future field development and programs for residents. She has worked with the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority to coordinate programs to address back-flow prevention assistance and Pepco to address vibrations and damage to residents' homes resulting from infrastructure work. Commissioner Huff is dedicated to community outreach, including a Second Annual Christmas Give-Away and a Thanksgiving Turkey Give-Away, as well as outreach related to COVID-19 (coronavirus) relief and recovery, including masks, bleach, hand sanitizer, free food drives, wellness checks for seniors, and testing.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Key Issues & Recommended District Government Action

The Commission has addressed many important neighborhood-level and citywide issues, primarily via resolution or other formal Commission action. Commissioners have also responded to issues individually or as sub-groups. These resolutions, official actions, and individualized efforts can be grouped into seven general subject matter areas: (1) COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency; (2) vision zero and transportation; (3) housing justice and basic needs; (4) community safety and support; (5) good government; (6) infrastructure; and (7) education, recreation, and community spaces. In addition, the Commission addressed routine matters, including those related to zoning, historic preservation review, and public space issues, which are not listed here but are available on the [Advisory Neighborhood Commission Resolution Portal](#).

COVID-19 (coronavirus) Public Health Emergency

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B has noted how “[t]he COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency has laid bare the racial, socio-economic, and geographic disparities in our city.” [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities (Mar. 22, 2021). The Commission and Commissioners have acted to ensure accountability and transparency regarding the District’s measures to address the public health emergency, particularly as related to vaccinations; rent and utility assistance (particularly in light of the end of the eviction and utility shutoff moratoriums); and distance learning and the return to in-person learning (including the suitability of school facilities to ensure the health of students). In addition, Commissioners continued to dedicate themselves to supporting residents and communicating available pandemic-related and other services and resources to residents and local businesses.

In furtherance of the Commission’s goals of equitable COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic relief and recovery; support for neighbors with the most need; and ensuring the District is resilient and has the ability to respond to and absorb the shock of major events, the Commission has acted in the following ways:

The Commission’s [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting called for “fund[ing] a fully functional, accessible vaccination registration system and protocol that prioritizes groups most impacted by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency.”

- The Commission’s [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting called for “fund[ing] expanded vaccine outreach efforts, including door-to-door registration and vaccination, vaccination pop-ups, and multiple-language materials for communities most impacted by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency.”
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities,

approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting called for "expand[ing] funding for unemployment insurance and benefits, as well as the resources and technology necessary to process claims quickly, including expanding the DC Cares program with at least \$25 million to provide additional access to unemployment benefits for qualified returning citizens, informal/cash economy workers, and undocumented workers."

- The Commission's [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting called for "mak[ing] permanent and expand[ing] grant programs in the Protecting Businesses and Workers from COVID-19 Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 to provide small businesses resources to protect workers from COVID-19 (coronavirus)."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting and the Commission's [Supplemental Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at its June 28, 2021, meeting called for "fully us[ing] available federal and \$100 million in local funding for long-term and expanded funding for emergency rental assistance programs with the goal of preventing evictions to every extent possible, see [Resolution 4B-20-0407](#), Supporting Funding in FY2021 to Address Chronic Homelessness (Apr. 27, 2020)."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, and the Commission's [Supplemental Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at its June 28, 2021, meeting called for "fully us[ing] local and federal funding to purchase or lease hotels to convert them to humane emergency shelters and long-term use to ensure every neighbor experiencing homelessness who is at high risk of dying of COVID-19 (coronavirus) is offered placement in a non-congregate shelter, such as through the Pandemic Emergency Program for Medically Vulnerable Individuals (PEP-V) program."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting called for "invest[ing] in municipal Internet to help close the digital divide and ensure high-quality Internet access for all District residents to apply for government services and jobs, for digital learning and telework, and for signing up for vaccination appointments, among other basic needs, see [Resolution 4B-20-0502](#), Calling for Assessment and Plan to Broaden Municipal Internet (May 26, 2020)." Commissioner Palmer [testified](#) before the DC Council's Committee on Government Operations and Facilities in support of the [Internet Equity Amendment Act of 2021](#) on October 21, 2021.
- The Commission's [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting called for "expand[ing] funding for utility assistance programs with the goal of preventing shutoffs once the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency ends."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting called for "fund[ing] creation of a federal grant tracking portal and requir[ing] that the District disclose federal grant opportunities, applications, status of applications, and amounts awarded to ensure the District maximizes access to and use of federal relief funds."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting called for "ensur[ing] that further federal relief funding (approximately \$2.374 billion) goes through the DC Coun-

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cil appropriations process rather than disbursement solely by the Executive.”

- The Commission welcomed a presentation from Mayor Muriel Bower and members of her administration on her (then) proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and the status of COVID-19 (coronavirus) relief and recovery efforts at the Commission's July 26, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0904](#), Calling for District Department of General Services to Provide Online Dashboard to Track Status of DC School Facilities at the Commission's September 27, 2021, meeting. The Resolution noted a stream of documented facilities issues in school buildings across the District in the weeks before the start of in-person school, including “faulty heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment, missing high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters, missing outdoor equipment necessary for social distancing during lunch, and other facilities issues” and that the District government “had 17 months to prepare for the return to in-person learning, fully aware of the importance of proper air filtration and temperature control in schools.” The District Department of General Services did not provide a response to this Resolution, although it appears to have taken some action to document the status of work orders in response to the DC Council.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-1004](#), Supporting a Comprehensive Coronavirus Testing Program in DC Schools at the Commission's October 25, 2021, meeting. The Resolution noted the challenges with the current testing protocol and the District's continued failure to meet its testing goals. The Office of the State Superintendent of Education did not provide a response to this Resolution.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the DC Public Service Commission and the District's Office of the People's Counsel regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic-related services and relief for utility customers, including the [Here2HelpDC](#) initiative, at the Commission's January 25, 2021, meeting.
- Commissioner Palmer [testified](#) before the DC Council's Special Committee on COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery regarding safety net protections and needed improvements to ensure federal and local relief funding reaches people with need on May 21, 2021.

Vision Zero & Transportation

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B prioritizes safe, accessible, and affordable modes of transportation for all District residents, regardless of mode. The Commission and Commissioners regularly pursue infrastructure improvements and traffic calming efforts to ensure the safety of Commission residents. While the Commission has had notable successes, the Commission continues to face challenges in terms of the District Department of Transportation's transparency and consistency of procedures, as well as implementation of improvements. These challenges include failure to respond to requests for traffic calming (including via the traffic safety assessment process), failure to act on proposed infrastructure projects, and failure to execute planned construction projects in a timely manner and in accordance with community expectations. The Commission's and the community's commitment to safer streets is for naught without focused, ongoing support from the District Department of Transportation.

Specifically, Commissioners regularly receive requests for and act in furtherance of installation of speed humps. Based on express instructions from the District Department of Transportation, the Commission submits requests for speed humps via resolution. While the Department has installed some speed humps in response to Commission resolutions, many resolutions remain unaddressed and Commissioners are not notified or informed regarding consideration of these requests or speed hump installation. In addition, the Commission has sought action from the District Department of Transportation to systematically address traffic calming and infrastructure issues throughout the Commission area. While the Department seems to have installed some measures, it has rarely responded substantively to the Commission or communicated underlying data or the timeline of installations, and information that is communicated is often unclear or contradictory.

The Commission strongly supports Mayor Muriel Bowser's Vision Zero efforts to ensure zero fatalities and serious injuries to users of the District's transportation systems and has consistently acted to further these goals. The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-20-1006](#), Establishing Vision Zero Committee at the Commission's October 26, 2020, meeting. The Resolution establishing the Vision Zero Committee defines the Committee's mandate to include (1) considering and recommending strategies for increasing community safety in accordance with Vision Zero goals within the Commission area; (2) analyzing and providing feedback on relevant proposed plans and projects, as well as legislation and agency decisions that impact community safety in line with these goals; and (3) working with neighborhood groups representing vulnerable road users to receive feedback on Commission efforts toward Vision Zero goals.

Commissioner Yeats and Commissioner Brooks serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee. The Committee Members include the following individuals:

Tony Giancola has a BSCE from Syracuse University and MS degree in Civil Engineering (Transportation and Environmental Systems) and a Master of Public Works Engineering and Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. After a twenty-year active duty career in the Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy, he served as a District of Columbia appointed representative on the Citizens Advisory Committee, Transportation Planning Board, Washington Council of Governments (2018 -2020). He currently serves as a Mayoral appointee on the DC Water Board.

Charon P.W. Hines is the Senior Advisor to the Chancellor of the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS). Previously, she served as Director of the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs (MOCA). A third generation Washingtonian, Charon and family have resided in Ward 4, Riggs Park for the past 20 years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Mary Baldwin College, Master of Arts in Teaching from Bowie State University, and Master of Science in Educational Administration from Trinity University. Charon is a community leader, engagement ambassador, and strategist. She is a three term Past President of Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association, Inc. (LRCA). In addition, she holds membership on several boards and community organizations throughout the metropolitan area. Charon has an unwavering commitment to residents, children and families, with a laser focus on maintaining the home-school-community partnership.

David Eubanks is a resident of Single Member District 4B03. As an engaged community member his mission is to actively contribute to the betterment of the Brightwood/Manor Park neighborhood, the District, and surrounding region through advocacy, community service, and sustainable practices. He is currently the Deputy Director of Public Works for the City of Takoma Park where he works to ensure the efficient provision of City services to residents. Prior to beginning his career in public service, Mr. Eubanks was an affordable housing developer at The NHP Foundation and Investment Officer with the AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust. He has also served as a researcher with the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education and the Citizens Planning and Housing Association.

Jeff Speir is an attorney for the Federal Government who works on environmental issues. He has advocated for pedestrian and cyclist safety in Wards 4 and 6. Personally affected by a car crash as a pedestrian – and vehicular traffic's impact on public health, more

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broadly – he is eager to work on strategies to increase traveler safety, critically analyze proposals, and implement solutions for the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B community.

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The Vision Zero Committee held eight (8) meetings from November 2020 through November 2021, working collaboratively to both learn about the District's transportation systems and safety measures, as well as pushing for specific improvements in local communities. The Committee has welcomed presentations from the Director of the District Department of Transportation's Vision Zero program and members of Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George's office, as well as worked collaboratively to inform Commission resolutions calling for better sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic calming.

In furtherance of the Commission's goals of more transparent and accountable District Department of Transportation procedures; consistent and effective traffic calming; safer and improved bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; and increased and improved Metrobus and Metrorail service, the Commission has acted in the following ways:

TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY

- The Commission approved a [Letter of Inquiry](#) regarding a Metropolitan Police Department Incident Involving the Office of the State Superintendent of Education's Division of Student Transportation at the Commission's April 26, 2021, meeting. The letter "raise[d] questions about the conduct of the specific personnel involved [and] the policies and practices of OSSE DOT that allow for police involvement in resolving conflicts that occur while transporting children to school." The Office of the State Superintendent of Education responded, but the response did not fully answer the Commission's questions.
- The Commission approved a [Letter of Inquiry](#) regarding Follow-Up on Outstanding ANC 4B Speed Hump Requests at the Commission's July 26, 2021, meeting. The letter noted "[w]ith two exceptions, despite repeated requests from the Commission to provide updates on these speed hump requests and the timing for installation, the District Department of Transportation has failed to update the relevant Commissioners or install the relevant speed humps." While the District Department of Transportation has installed some speed humps referenced in this Letter it has not responded to this Letter.
- The Commission's [Supplemental Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's June 28, 2021, meeting, called for "fully fund[ing] the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Act of 2020 by \$171.5 million over the next five years to reduce the increasing number of serious injuries and fatalities on the District's streets, including by increasing the routine installation of safety measures for vulnerable road users when a street is reconstructed." The DC Council revised the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to fund the Act, but that funding has not yet been implemented.
- The Commission's [Supplemental Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's June 28, 2021, meeting, called for "fund[ing] increased staffing at the District Department of Transportation to process and assess Traffic Safety Assessments with a goal of reducing the Traffic Safety Assessment process to thirty (30) days from submission to evaluation and report." The District Department of Transportation is moving forward with a streamlined process for Traffic Safety Assessments, and the Commission intends to weigh in on that process.
- The Commission's [Supplemental Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's June 28, 2021, meeting, called for "supplement[ing] the federal Safe Routes to Schools program with local funds to aggressively improve safety in the areas

around the District’s schools with a focus on increased automated enforcement of school zones with the proceeds reinvested directly into school safety programs.” The DC Council did not act on this recommendation.

- Commissioner Palmer [testified](#) before the DC Council at the District Department of Department of Public Works’ performance oversight hearing regarding challenges with and proposed improvements to the Department’s mechanisms to address abandoned vehicles and commercial trucks on residential roads on March 9, 2021. She also testified before the DC Council’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment in support of [The Removal and Disposition of Abandoned and Other Unlawfully Parked Vehicles Reform Amendment Act of 2021](#) on October 26, 2021.
- Commissioner Palmer [testified](#) before the DC Council at the District Department of Transportation’s performance oversight hearing regarding challenges with and proposed improvements to the Department’s Traffic Safety Assessment process and commercial trucks on residential roads on December 26, 2021. This testimony reiterated the Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Proposed Improvements to the Traffic Safety Assessment process, approved at the Commission’s October 26, 2020, meeting; [Letter of Inquiry](#) regarding the Use of Heavy Trucks on Aspen St, NW, and Other Residential Streets, approved at the Commission’s June 25, 2019, meeting; and [Follow-Up Letter of Inquiry](#) regarding Commercial Vehicles on Residential Roads, approved at the Commission’s April 26, 2021, meeting.
- Commissioner Palmer [testified](#) before the DC Council at the District Department of Transportation’s budget oversight hearing regarding sidewalk gaps, the need for sidewalk repairs, and requests for improved pedestrian infrastructure on June 10, 2021.
- Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson [testified](#) before the DC Council’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment regarding the appointment of the Director to the District Department of Transportation on October 22, 2021.
- Commissioner Palmer drafted and Commissioners Tiffani Nichole Johnson, Commissioner Brooks, Commissioner Parks, and Commissioner Yeats joined a [citywide letter](#) to the District Department of Transportation “calling for changes to and a re-prioritization of the District Department of Transportation’s service level agreement timelines, including responses to Traffic Safety Assessments” on May 3, 2021.
- Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Yeats drafted and Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson joined a citywide letter by Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners calling for a more sustainable and equitable transit system and an end to parking passes for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners.
- Commissioner Yeats has worked to ensure that various construction projects have been executed according to publicized plans including both the Piney Branch Road Traffic Calming Project and construction of the Metropolitan Branch Trail between Piney Branch Road, NW, and the Maryland border.

NOTICES OF INTENT

- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-20-1109](#), Supporting DDOT’s Notice of Intent to Modify the Intersection of North Capitol & Longfellow Streets, NE, at the Commission’s November 23, 2020, meeting. The proposed traffic safety improvements included flexible delineator posts along the centerline of North Capitol Street, NW, and converting Longfellow Street, NW, to one-way westbound. The District Department of Transportation installed these improvements in July 2021.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0101](#), Supporting Construction of the Metro-

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politan Branch Trail in the 7100 Block of Eastern Avenue, NW (NOI #20-110-PSD) at the Commission's January 25, 2021, meeting. The proposal included significant beautification and environmental and safety improvements. Construction was completed in Spring 2021.

- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0303](#), Supporting Proposed Improvements to Intersection of Piney Branch Road, Whittier Street, and 8th Street, NW (NOI #21-6-TOA) at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, following a community meeting hosted by Commissioner Palmer on February 25, 2021. The traffic safety improvements were installed in August 2021 and included the median along Piney Branch Road, NW, to prohibit left turns, and installation of flexible delineator posts to close off access to Piney Branch Road, NW, and 8th Street, NW, to reduce crossing distance and pedestrian conflict with turning vehicles. The District Department of Transportation was delayed in installing and has not completed installation of requested signage.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0505](#), Supporting Piney Branch Road Traffic Calming Improvements Project (NOI 2021-04-12) at the Commission's May 24, 2021, meeting. The Commission welcomed a presentation from the District Department of Transportation at its April 26, 2021, meeting regarding this project. Commissioner Yeats hosted more than ten community walk throughs for this project and hosted the District Department of Transportation for a project-specific community meeting on May 6, 2021. The project was substantially installed over the summer of 2021 on an extended timeline.

SPEED HUMPS

- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-20-1101](#), Requesting Installation of Speed Humps on the 200 - 500 Block of Quackenbos Street, NE, at the Commission's November 23, 2020, meeting. The District Department of Transportation declined to install these speed humps in May 2021.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-20-1102](#), Requesting Installation of Speed Humps on the Unit Block of Kennedy Street, NE, between North Capitol Street, NE, and 1st Street, NE, at the Commission's November 23, 2020, meeting. The District Department of Transportation installed these speed humps late summer 2021.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-20-1103](#), Requesting Installation of Speed Humps on 7th Street, NW, between Fern Place, NW, and Dahlia Street, NW, at the Commission's November 23, 2020, meeting. The District Department of Transportation installed these speed humps in October 2021.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-20-1104](#), Requesting Installation of Speed Humps on the 600 Block of Madison Street, NW, at the Commission's November 23, 2020 meeting.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0202](#), Requesting Installation of Speed Humps on the 300 Block of Longfellow Street, NW, at the Commission's February 22, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0203](#), Requesting Traffic Calming Within Single Member District 4B04 (and requesting speed humps on the 6000 block of 7th Street, NW, between Peabody Street, NW, and Quackenbos Street, NW) at the Commission's February 22, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0301](#), Requesting Installation of Speed Humps on the 7100 Block of 9th Street, NW, at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting. The District Department of Transportation installed these speed humps in October 2021.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0502](#), Requesting Installation of Speed Humps on the Unit Block of Underwood Place, NW, at the Commission's May 24, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0702](#), Supporting Additional Traffic Calming Measures in ANC 4B06 (and requesting speed humps on the 300 block of Longfellow Street, NW, and the unit block of Nicholson Street, NW), at the Commission's July 26, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission approved a [Letter of Inquiry](#) regarding Follow-Up on Outstanding ANC 4B Speed Hump Requests at the Commission's July 26, 2021, meeting. The District Department of Transportation

has not responded to this letter.

- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0902](#), Requesting Installation of Speed Humps on Fern Place, NW, Between Georgia Avenue, NW, and Blair Road, NW, at the Commission's September 27, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission understands that several requests for speed humps requested by resolutions approved between November 2020 and November 2021 remain outstanding. While this section of the Commission's Annual Report only addresses speed hump resolutions passed since the Commission's previous Annual Report in November 2020, the Commission notes with disappointment continued outstanding speed humps that predate that Report that are detailed in the aforementioned Letter of Inquiry.
- The District Department of Transportation installed speed humps on 4th Street, NW, between Van Buren Street, NW, and Aspen Street, NW, in October 2021 in response to [Resolution 4B-20-0902](#), Requesting Consideration of Speed Humps on 4th Street, NW, between Van Buren Street, NW, and Aspen Street, NW, approved at the Commission's September 29, 2019, meeting.

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CALMING & INFRASTRUCTURE

- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0206](#), Providing Feedback on 65% Design of Metropolitan Branch Trail from Fort Totten to Takoma at the Commission's February 22, 2021, meeting. The Resolution noted past Commission action in support of completion of the Metropolitan Branch Trail and called for specific improvements at the intersection of Blair Road, NW, and Aspen Street, NW. The District Department of Transportation has not acted with regard to this dangerous intersection. The Commission continues to urge prompt action toward completion of the Metropolitan Branch Trail.
- The Commission's [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for "fund[ing] completion of the Metropolitan Branch Trail, including recommendations from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, see [Resolution 4B-21-0206](#), Providing Feedback on 65% Design of Metropolitan Branch Trail from Fort Totten to Takoma (Feb. 22, 2021); [Resolution 4B-21-0101](#), Supporting Construction of the Metropolitan Branch Trail (NOI #20-110-PSD) (Jan. 25, 2021); [Resolution 4B-20-0702](#), ANC 4B Additional Recommendations on the Metropolitan Branch Trail (July 27, 2020), and specifically with regard to the southern end of the Metropolitan Branch Trail, fund and support implementation of the safer, preferred route through National Park Service land (and not residential streets, including McDonald Place, NE), as identified by residents of Single Member District 4B08." The District Department of Transportation completed construction of the Metropolitan Branch Trail from Piney Branch Road, NW, to the Maryland border in the spring of 2021. The Fort Totten to Takoma segment remains in the design process. Surveying and engineering work for the Takoma to Piney Branch segment has begun, with public meetings scheduled to commence in December 2021.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0501](#), Calling for All-Way Stop Signs within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B at the Commission's May 24, 2021, meeting. The Resolution noted that the Commission "rejects the need for specific traffic volumes to determine whether to install stop signs and encourages the Department to consider use of residential roads as cut-throughs, as well as related high-speed and reckless driving, when considering stop signs, including all-way stop signs" and that "[c]oncerns about poor stop sign compliance should be met with additional engineering, including raised crosswalks,

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raised stop bars, chicanes, chokers, curb bump outs, lighted stop bars, or lighted stop signs to ensure compliance and safety.” The District Department of Transportation appears to have put in “cross traffic does not stop” in at least one location but does not appear to have installed any stop signs in response to or otherwise responded to the Resolution.

- The Commission approved [Letter](#) Requesting Traffic Safety Improvements on Aspen Street, NW, at the Commission’s May 24, 2021, meeting. The letter notes “residents have sought action from DDOT to calm traffic, limit commercial vehicles, and make this residential street safer, but they have seen no action.” The District Department of Transportation did not respond to the letter. The Department installed speed humps along the street around August 2021, despite previously stating that the street was not eligible for speed humps due to its classification as a “collector” street.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0701](#), Petitioning for Priority Sidewalk Installations within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B at the Commission’s July 26, 2021, meeting. The Resolution requests the District Department of Transportation promptly address sidewalk gaps and make public its list of priority sidewalk gaps. The District Department of Transportation has not responded to the Resolution.
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “dedicate[d] funding for annual sidewalk expansion similar to efforts to expand the protected bicycle lane network and rehabilitate road surfaces with a goal of ensuring adequate sidewalks on both sides of every road throughout the District.”
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “fully fund[ing] and schedul[ing] construction of a District-wide multi-use trail network by funding all trails outlined in the Capital Trails Coalition’s planned trail expansions, the Rock Creek Park and Suitland Parkway trail network rehabilitation, and construction of the Piney Branch Parkway and Metropolitan Branch Trail multi-use trails.” The construction status of the Metropolitan Branch Trail is discussed fulsomely above. The Rock Creek Park trail rehabilitation and the Piney Branch Parkway connector trail are currently under construction. The Suitland Parkway Trail construction has not begun.
- The Commission’s [Supplemental Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s June 28, 2021, meeting, called for “fully fund[ing] the proposed reconstruction of Eastern Avenue, NE, from Whitter Street, NW, to New Hampshire Avenue, NE, in Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B that has already been fully designed.” The Commission continues to urge prompt action toward completion of this project.
- The Commission’s [Supplemental Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s June 28, 2021, meeting, calls for “expand[ing] funding for construction of new Bikeshare stations to meet Mayor Bowser’s goal of a Capital Bikeshare station within a quarter mile of every District resident and construct a station within every high priority zone within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B.”
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-1001](#), Calling for Crosswalk and Intersection Improvements Within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B at the Commission’s October 25, 2021, meeting. The Resolution requests crosswalk striping, raised crosswalks, and curb extensions throughout the Commission area. The District Department of Transportation has not responded to the Resolution.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-1002](#), Calling for Street Sign Replacement & Visibility Throughout Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B at the Commission’s October 25, 2021, meeting. The Resolution requests proper signage at several locations; notes significant delays in addressing missing, dilapidated, and faded street signs; and requests a plan to audit and replace missing, dilapidated, and faded street signs. The District Department of Transportation has not responded to the Resolution.
- Commissioners repeatedly supported Traffic Safety Assessments and submitted 311 requests for action

on matters impacting traffic safety and infrastructure.

- Commissioner Yeats and Commissioner Palmer conducted a walk through with the Old Takoma Business Association (Main Street Takoma) and the District Department of Transportation to explore additional bike parking areas within the community business district. As a result of that effort, the Department installed two new bike racks on sidewalks, repositioned one bike rack to allow for better use of the sidewalk, and installed two new in-street bike corrals with ground murals underneath.
- The District Department of Transportation indicated in July 2020 that the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Riggs Road, NE, and 1st Street, NE, had been approved and was scheduled for implementation when the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority completed its road work. The Water and Sewer Authority's road work was completed in October 2021, and the Department's installation of the traffic light began shortly thereafter, with an expected completion date of January 2022.
- Commissioner Brooks continues to meet regularly with the District Department of Transportation regarding traffic safety concerns at the intersection of North Capital Street, NW, and Longfellow Street, NW. The Department evaluated traffic patterns within the intersection and installed flexible delineator posts in July 2021. Residents and Commissioner Brooks continue to advocate for a concrete median to ensure safety.

METRO & BUS SERVICE

- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0204](#), Providing Feedback On and Expressing Opposition to WMATA Proposed Budget and Service Cuts in Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B at the Commission's February 22, 2021, meeting. The Resolution urged the Washington Area Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to adopt a Fiscal Year 2022 Budget that preserves and expands access to transit wherever possible, and that WMATA take measures to seek additional funding, including seeking the full 3% subsidy increase allowed under the compact from partner jurisdictions. WMATA did not seek the full subsidy amount but was able to substantially restore service on many of these routes due to an infusion of federal money and continues to provide approximately the same level of bus service to the Commission area with some noted improvements in service levels for the Georgia Avenue, NW, buses.
- The Commission's [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for funding "to reduce barriers to transit and ensure better service for our communities, including through the proposed Metro for DC Amendment Act of 2020, introduced by Councilmember Charles Allen (Ward 6), to improve access to bus service and increase transit affordability for District residents."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for "expand[ed] funding for and reduced barriers to the District Department of Transportation's Kids Ride Free Program by automatically opting-in all public school students and mailing SmarTrip cards to their homes and renewing existing, functioning cards rather than requiring physical replacement of the card."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for "expand[ed] funding for the District Department of Transportation's Bus Priority Program, and accelerate[d] construction of bus-only lanes across the District, especially in areas without access to

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other transit options, *see* [Resolution 4B-19-0504](#), Supporting Implementation of Bus Only Lanes along Georgia Avenue Northwest (May 20, 2019).”

- The Commission’s [Supplemental Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s June 28, 2021, meeting, called for “increas[ing] District funding for bus shelters beyond what is currently provided in the contract with Clear Channel Adshel to meet increased demand for safe and inviting transit stops in every neighborhood.” The Commission has at least one unfulfilled bus shelter request.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0602](#), Requesting Functioning Lights at Takoma Metro Station at the Commission’s June 28, 2021, meeting. WMATA installed temporary lighting towers in response to the Resolution but noted that investigation of the problem revealed more substantial electrical problems at the station that will require a long-term capital project to fix.

PRESENTATIONS

- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the District Department of Transportation regarding its programs and traffic calming efforts at the Commission’s February 22, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from goDCgo regarding its [Go Far with No Car Campaign](#) at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from Capital Bikeshare regarding its [Capital Bikeshare for All Program](#) at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the District Department of Transportation regarding the Department’s updated [ParkDC permitting system](#) at the Commission’s July 26, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission’s Vision Zero Committee welcomed a presentation from the Director of the District Department of Transportation’s Vision Zero program on June 16, 2021, regarding the program’s efforts to provide safer streets.
- The Commission’s Vision Zero Committee welcomed a presentation from a representative of Office of the Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George on October 20, 2021, about Vision Zero efforts in Ward 4 and improvements in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

Housing Justice & Basic Needs

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B believes housing is a human right. The Commission has sought at every opportunity to support and promote safe, stable, and secure housing for all District residents, including through extensive feedback on the District’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget; support for funding to end chronic homelessness and funding to preserve and expand public housing; and ensuring investments in the Housing Production Trust Fund adhere to the legal requirement that 50 percent of the Fund’s resources be used to serve families with the lowest incomes. The Commission supports deeply affordable housing within our Commission boundaries; the Commission has supported several new developments that add to the District’s affordable housing stock and advocated for additional affordable housing commitments for new developments.

The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-20-0205](#), Establishing Housing Justice Committee at the Commission’s February 24, 2020, meeting. The Resolution establishing the Housing Justice Committee defines the Committee’s mandate to include (1) considering proposed developments within the Commission’s boundaries for purposes of determining how best to maximize affordable housing, including deeply affordable housing; (2) analyzing and providing feedback on proposed legislation and policy affecting affordable housing and homelessness with a goal of increasing and expanding deeply affordable housing; and (3) host-

ing and supporting educational events on topics related to affordable housing and homelessness.

Commissioner Palmer serves as Chair of the Committee. The Committee Members include the following individuals:

Latifa Lyles is a longtime advocate for women and working families, including working on issues of economic security and survivor justice at a national level. Her work includes serving in the Obama Administration as head of the Women's Bureau at the US Department of Labor. She has lived in DC for 25+ years and in Ward 4 since 2007. Currently, she sits on the DC Democratic State Committee.

Julia Moran Morton is Senior Vice President, Chief Housing Development Officer with SOME (So Others Might Eat). She has worked in Housing Development in DC for decades and been involved with the Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development and Housing Association for Non-profit Developers. Two of her most recent projects are at Walter Reed. She is also President of the All Souls Housing Corp Board. She has resided in the neighborhood for over 20 years.

LeighAnn Smith Rosenberg is a civil rights attorney. She spent five years practicing housing law in Maryland, representing seniors and individuals living below the poverty line on a range of issues, including landlord-tenant disputes, tenant association advocacy, mortgage foreclosures, and property tax liens. In this role, she gained familiarity with federal, state, and local housing agencies, and engaging those agencies on their planning and rulemaking processes.

Christopher Sousa is a consumer protection litigator for the federal government. He previously represented the District of Columbia government in affirmative litigation, enforcing public policy in a variety of contexts, including land use. He has long been interested in improving public policy to make housing more affordable.

The Committee held six (7) meetings from November 2020 through November 2021. The Committee's meetings included discussions regarding proposed developments within the Commission area; presentations from and discussions with other Advisory Neighborhood Commissions focused on affordable housing; and presentations from subject matter experts on affordable housing development, ending chronic homelessness, and tenant protections and support.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B also believes that a robust social safety net is necessary to provide for the health, well-being, and stability of District residents, particularly in light of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency. District residents have experienced unprecedented increases in unemployment and income loss; loss of health insurance, especially for low-income individuals, seniors, and individuals with disabilities; and many families are going hungry. Ensuring all residents' human needs are met is a matter of racial equity. The Commission has advocated not just to expand program coverage but also to remove barriers to access, including digital accessibility and the challenges residents face in accessing information regarding these programs and applying for services.

In furtherance of the Commission's goals of pursuing and supporting deeply affordable housing and contributing to affordable and other housing supply within the Commission's boundaries, as

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well as the Commission's dedication to a robust social safety net to support basic human needs and balance longstanding disinvestment in specific communities, the Commission has acted in the following ways:

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- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, and the Commission's [Supplemental Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at its June 28, 2021, meeting called for "fully fund[ing] efforts to end chronic homelessness by investing \$96 million in permanent supportive housing to end chronic homelessness for 2,761 individuals and 432 families, see [Resolution 4B-20-0407](#), Supporting Funding in FY2021 to Address Chronic Homelessness (Apr. 27, 2020); [Resolution 4B-19-0307](#), Supporting Funding in FY2020 Budget to Address Chronic Homelessness (Mar. 25, 2019)."
- The Commission's [Supplemental Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's June 28, 2021, meeting called for "ensur[ing] fulsome and sustained local funding to end chronic homelessness and expand deeply affordable housing – including by increasing taxes on the District's highest earners, who have been economically stable during the public health emergency, have benefitted from large federal tax cuts, pay lower taxes than middle-income earners, and are best able to shoulder tax increases needed to fund basic human needs – in light of broad support among District residents and uncertain continued federal funding, as well as to ensure an equitable budget that takes every opportunity to correct for racial and other structural disparities and demonstrates a commitment to continuation of these essential programs."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for "invest[ing] in homeless prevention and street outreach, including funding the District-wide Street Outreach Program at its current level (at a minimum) to ensure individuals experiencing homelessness are connected to housing resources, see [Resolution 4B-20-0407](#), Supporting Funding in FY2021 to Address Chronic Homelessness (Apr. 27, 2020); [Resolution 4B-19-0307](#), Supporting Funding in FY2020 Budget to Address Chronic Homelessness (Mar. 25, 2019)."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, and the Commission's [Supplemental Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at its June 28, 2021, meeting called for "fund[ing] expanded homelessness prevention and diversion programs to prevent individuals from entering long-term homelessness, including Project Reconnect and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program ..., see [Resolution Resolution 4B-20-0407](#), Supporting Funding in FY2021 to Address Chronic Homelessness (Apr. 27, 2020); [Resolution 4B-19-0307](#), Supporting Funding in FY2020 Budget to Address Chronic Homelessness (Mar. 25, 2019)" and "maintain[ing] Mayor Bowser's proposed \$3.5 million for the next three fiscal years in funding for homeless prevention and street outreach, including funding for the District-wide Street Outreach Program to ensure individuals experiencing homelessness are connected to housing resources."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, and the Commission's [Supplemental Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at its June 28, 2021, meeting called for "expand[ing] funding for the Local Rent Supplement Program (including \$23 million in additional funding for Targeted Affordable Housing to assist residents who have been in permanent supportive housing and no longer need intensive services, expanded funding for tenant vouchers, and expanded funding for project/sponsor-based rental assistance), see [Resolution](#)

[4B-20-0407](#), Supporting Funding in FY2021 to Address Chronic Homelessness (Apr. 27, 2020); [Resolution 4B-19-0307](#), Supporting Funding in FY2020 Budget to Address Chronic Homelessness (Mar. 25, 2019).”

- The Commission’s [Supplemental Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s June 28, 2021, meeting called for “fully us[ing] and facilitat[ing] access to available federal funding for long-term and expanded funding for emergency rental assistance programs (particularly in light of existing challenges accessing funding) with the goal of preventing evictions to every extent possible.”
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, and the Commission’s [Supplemental Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at its June 28, 2021, meeting called for “increas[ing] funding for the Housing Production Trust Fund and ensuring the Fund adheres to the legal requirement that 50 percent of its resources be used to serve families with the lowest incomes, in part through assuring adequate funding for the Local Rent Supplement program, see [Resolution 4B-20-0407](#), Supporting Funding in FY2021 to Address Chronic Homelessness (Apr. 27, 2020); [Resolution 4B-19-0307](#), Supporting Funding in FY2020 Budget to Address Chronic Homelessness (Mar. 25, 2019).”
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, and the Commission’s [Supplemental Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at its June 28, 2021, meeting called for “expand[ing] funding to every extent possible, and at a minimum by \$60 million, for urgent public housing repairs in light of persistent neglect, including recent reports of the DC Housing Authority keeping residents in units with high lead levels, see [Resolution 4B-19-1004](#), Calling on DC Housing Authority to Preserve Public Housing and Protect Public Housing Residents (Oct. 28, 2019); [Resolution 4B-19-0506](#), Supporting Funding for Urgent Public Housing Repairs and Calling for Commitment to Maintain Public Housing Stock (May 20, 2019).”
- The Commission’s [Supplemental Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s June 28, 2021, meeting called for “maintain[ing] and consider[ing] expanding \$2 million in Mayor Bowser’s proposed funding for the Douglass Community Land Trust and funding for Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act and Limited Equity Cooperatives to ensure permanently affordable housing, local small businesses, and other public assets through community ownership of land.”
- Commissioner Palmer [testified](#) before the DC Council regarding the District’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, specifically with regard to ending chronic homelessness, on June 25, 2021.
- The Commission received a presentation from The Parks at Walter Reed development team and approved [Resolution 4B 20-1105](#), Supporting Proposed Concept Design for The Parks at Walter Reed Building QRS at the Commission’s November 23, 2020, meeting. Based on the latest information received by the Commission, this project will produce approximately 345 new housing units, with roughly 10-11% of the units affordable to households earning up to 50% and 80% of area median income.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-20-1107](#), Supporting the Preliminary Design Concept and Providing Initial Community Input for 6928 Maple Street, NW, at the Commission’s November 23, 2020, meeting. The proposed development, as presented, will produce 68 new housing units, all of which are intended to deliver deeply affordable voucher housing.

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The Resolution notes “the Commission’s expectation that the Developer will permanently maintain all-affordable housing in this development” and that “the Commission intends to continue to work with the Developer to assure fulfillment of its commitment that all 68 units of this project will deliver deeply affordable voucher housing and include appropriate support services for residents.” In addition, the Housing Justice Committee has discussed the proposed development at several Committee meetings and sent questions to the developer regarding its affordable housing commitments.

- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-20-1108](#), Supporting Requested Variance for 11 Nicholson Street, NW (BZA 20390) at the Commission’s November 23, 2020, meeting. The variance allowed the conversion of a cellar space into an additional residence.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0302](#), Supporting Proposed Concept Design for The Parks at Walter Reed Building WXY at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting. The project will produce 50 new housing units, with four affordable units.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from Nelson Architects regarding a proposed development at 6101 Sligo Mill Road, NE, subject to a previously existing planned unit development at the Commission’s June 28, 2021, meeting. This development would either replace or convert an existing building with 50 new housing units (11 of which would be affordable at 60% of area median income). The Commission’s Housing Justice Committee discussed the proposed development at the Committee’s June 14, 2021, meeting and invited and confirmed representatives from the project to the Committee’s October 11, 2021, meeting, but they were unable to attend. In addition, Commissioner Bromaghim convened community meetings concerning this proposed development on June 24, 2021, and September 22, 2021.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the CEO of Main street 407 Partners, LLC and approved [Resolution 4B-21-0603](#), Supporting Construction of a Detached Single Family Home at 515 Cedar Street, NW (HPA 21-373), within the Takoma Historic District at the Commission’s June 28, 2021, meeting. The Resolution noted: “Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B supports the construction of new housing within our boundaries. Historic districts like the Takoma Park Historic District provide highly desirable housing but have minimal opportunities for new home construction. New construction like this project can contribute to the availability of housing within our neighborhood while not negatively impacting the Historic District.”
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0905](#), Opposing Concept Plan for 1000 Main Drive, NW, Parcels A-G of The Parks at Walter Reed (HPA 21-154) at the Commission’s September 27, 2021, meeting, following a presentation from Toll Brothers regarding development of the townhomes on Parcels A-G at the Commission’s July 26, 2021, meeting, where Commissioners raised concerns regarding the lack of any ADA accessible units and that “[t]he concept plan ... offers very little affordable housing and no deeply affordable housing, providing only 12 affordable units at the 80% AMI level. While the Commission understands affordability is set site-wide for Walter Reed, only 8% percent of the units in this parcel are affordable (and none are deeply affordable), which is below the modern standard for the District’s inclusionary zoning requirements for a project of this size if it was built outside the Walter Reed zone.”
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from Goulston & Storrs and Phi Beta Sigma regarding the future renovation of 145 Kennedy Street, NW (Phi Beta Sigma) for affordable housing for seniors at the Commission’s September 27, 2021, meeting. The project will produce 35 affordable senior residences at 50% area median income and 20% of the units will be permanent supportive housing.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the District’s Office of the Tenant Advocate on the work of the Office, including legal representation, policy advocacy, education and outreach, and emergency housing at the Commission’s May 24, 2021, meeting. The Commission’s Housing Justice Committee welcomed a similar presentation at the Committee’s June 14, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission’s Housing Justice Committee welcomed presentations from Commissioners from

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4C and Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G regarding their work on affordable housing issues at the Committee's February 8, 2021, meeting.

- The Commission's Housing Justice Committee requested and received commitment for a presentation from the DC Housing Authority at the Committee's February 8, 2021, meeting but no representative from the DC Housing Authority attended the meeting or further communicated with the Committee.
- The Commission's Housing Justice Committee welcomed a presentation from Miriam's Kitchen regarding efforts to end chronic homelessness and services offered at the Committee's April 12, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission's Housing Justice Committee welcomed a presentation from Jaydot LLC regarding financing for housing for vulnerable neighbors, particularly those who have experienced homelessness, at the Committee's April 12, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission's Housing Justice Committee welcomed a presentation from the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless regarding Mayor Bowser's proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget at the Committee's June 14, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission's Housing Justice Committee welcomed a presentation from Goulston & Storrs and Cafritz Enterprises regarding The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, Arts Place regarding a modification of significance to an approved planned unit development at the Committee's November 8, 2021, meeting.
- Commissioner Palmer, Commissioner Yeats, and a member of the Housing Justice Committee canvassed residences to provide information regarding STAY DC, the District's financial assistance program for renters and housing providers to cover housing and utility expenses on July 18, 2021.
- Commissioner Yeats canvassed tenants facing eviction to provide information on legal services and financial assistance programs on September 4, 2021.

BASIC NEEDS

- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for "fund[ing] the pilot guaranteed income program for households below the federal poverty level with \$100 million, as suggested by Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie (Ward 5) as a mechanism to support residents and help close the racial wealth gap." In addition, the Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0508](#), Supporting the Child Wealth Building Act of 2021, B24-023 at the Commission's May 24, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for "fund[ing] the Office of the State Superintendent of Education with \$60 million to increase payments to subsidized childcare operators to ensure adequate support for childcare for essential workers and individuals returning to work as the District re-opens following the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency, *see* [Resolution 4B-19-0404](#), Supporting Full Funding of Birth-to-Three for All DC Act of 2018 (Apr. 22, 2019)."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for "fully us[ing] federal funding and expand[ing] local funding for the District's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program providing cash assistance, subsidized childcare, and employment resources to help families with children facing economic hardship, and the Sup-

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plemental Nutrition Assistance Program, used to buy food.”

- The Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “fully fund[ing] the Women, Infants, and Children Program Expansion Act of 2018.”
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “expand[ing] funding for programs like Produce Plus, which provides a weekly check to DC participants in various benefits programs for use at participating farmers markets throughout the city, and Produce Rx, which provides patients with chronic conditions such as diabetes, prediabetes and hypertension with a weekly voucher to purchase fresh produce, to help address disparities in access to healthy foods in full consideration of gaps and need.”
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “expand[ing] funding for food and grocery distribution services currently offered via the District Department of Aging and Community Living and through local schools in full consideration of gaps and need.”
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “provid[ing] additional funding necessary to remove enrollment barriers for the DC Healthcare Alliance Program, which provides coverage for low-income residents who are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare, including yearly – and not bi-yearly – enrollment requirements.”
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, called for “invest[ing] in municipal Internet to help close the digital divide and ensure high-quality Internet access for all District residents to apply for government services and jobs, for digital learning and telework, and for signing up for vaccination appointments, among other basic needs, see [Resolution 4B-20-0502](#), Calling for Assessment and Plan to Broaden Municipal Internet (May 26, 2020).” Commissioner Palmer [testified](#) before the DC Council’s Committee on Government Operations and Facilities in support of the [Internet Equity Amendment Act of 2021](#) on October 21, 2021.
- Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson submitted [written testimony](#) to the DC Council’s Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety in support of the [Expanding Fee Waivers for Low Income Litigants Act of 2021](#) on November 6, 2021.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the DC Public Service Commission and the District’s Office of the People’s Counsel regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic-related services and relief for utility customers, including the [Here2HelpDC](#) initiative, at the Commission’s January 25, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the District Office of Human Rights on the work of the Office to enforce the District’s anti-discrimination laws and protections afforded to vulnerable populations at the Commission’s May 24, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the District Department of Employment Services, Office of Paid Family Leave, on the District’s paid family leave program, including qualifications for and benefits offered under the program, at the Commission’s July 26, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from Emory Beacon of Light and DC Recovery Community Alliance regarding resources and efforts related to drug and opioid abuse at the Commission’s September 27, 2021, meeting.

Community Safety & Support

Advisory Commission 4B recognizes the importance of community support and a holistic approach to public safety. Affordable housing, quality public education, health care services (including mental health), and recreation and programming opportunities are some of the mechanisms that ensure safe and stable communities. The Commission has sought assurances that law enforcement will protect vulnerable populations, including youth, members of the LGBTQ community, and people of color, as well as advocated for more accountability and better reporting procedures. The Commission has continued to advocate for accountability and transparency in policing and other emergency services, a shift to other methods of violence prevention, and a community-centered approach to law enforcement that is cognizant of historical and ongoing inequities in policing, and access to justice.

In furtherance of the Commission's goals of a holistic approach to public safety and protection of vulnerable communities, the Commission has acted in the following ways:

- The Commission approved a [Letter Requesting Audit of Office of Unified Communications](#) at the Commission's May 26, 2020, meeting. On September 24, 2020, the Office of the DC Auditor responded to the Commission's request by issuing a [Request for Proposals](#) for an audit of the Office of Unified Communications. The audit report, "[District's 911 System: Reforms Needed to Meet Safety Needs](#)," published October 19, 2021, largely substantiates concerns about the operations of the 911 system. It provides a comprehensive assessment of the progress and failures in reforming the Office of Unified Communications, including both technological and operational recommendations.
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for "increas[ing] funding for violence interruption initiatives, including via the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, the Office of the Attorney General's Cure the Streets program, and the Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program, to expand services to additional areas, including within Ward 4, see [Resolution 4B-20-0605](#), Calling for Divestment of Local Police Funding and Reinvestment in Community-Based Supports and Services (June 22, 2020)."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for "invest[ing] in youth mentorship, violence interruption, and recreational programs, including expanded funding for the District Department of Parks and Recreation's Roving Leaders Program to expand services to additional areas, including within Ward 4, see [Resolution 4B-20-0605](#), Calling for Divestment of Local Police Funding and Reinvestment in Community-Based Supports and Services (June 22, 2020)."
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for "substantially increas[ing] funding for the District Department of Behavioral Health's Community Response Team to respond humanely and with adequate supports and services to individuals with mental health needs, as well as ensure adequate training and informational campaigns to assist in diverting mental health issues to the Department of Behavioral Health and other mental health services, see [Resolution 4B-20-0605](#), Calling for Divestment of Local Police Funding and Reinvestment in Community-Based Supports and Services (June 22,

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2020).”

- The Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “invest[ing] in community-based trauma support services, *see* Resolution 4B-20-0605, Calling for Divestment of Local Police Funding and Reinvestment in Community-Based Supports and Services (June 22, 2020).”
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “fund[ing] recurring and expanded trauma-informed training for Metropolitan Police Department officers, *see* [Resolution 4B-20-0605](#), Calling for Divestment of Local Police Funding and Reinvestment in Community-Based Supports and Services (June 22, 2020).”
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “continu[ing] to fund and expand pilot programs for the District of Columbia Public Schools’ alternative approaches to school safety and security and support expansion of the program into the public charter school sector, *see* [Resolution 4B-20-0605](#), Calling for Divestment of Local Police Funding and Reinvestment in Community-Based Supports and Services (June 22, 2020).”
- The Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “restor[ing] funding for the Department of Aging and Community Living’s Safe at Home Private Security Camera Program to continue to enable eligible DC seniors and residents with disabilities to receive a private security camera system without cost.”
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0304](#), Establishing a Community Safety and Support Committee at the Commission’s March 22, 2021 meeting. The Committee’s mandate is to (1) recommend proposed community safety measures within the Commission’s boundaries; (2) analyze and provide feedback, including letters and testimony on proposed legislation and policy affecting community safety; and (3) host and support educational events on topics related community safety.
- Several members of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B attended and provided feedback at Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George’s community safety briefing with the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, the Metropolitan Police Department, the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, and Building Blocks DC on September 9, 2021. Councilmember Lewis George incorporated many of these recommendations in her [follow-on letter](#) to Mayor Muriel Bowser on September 15, 2021.
- Several Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Commissioners joined with other Commissioners across Ward 4 in sending a [letter](#) to Mayor Muriel Bowser, Metropolitan Police Chief Peter Newsham, and several Councilmembers on October 30, 2020, calling for an investigation and response regarding the death of Karon Hylton, who died as the result of an unlawful police chase. The United States Attorney for the District of Columbia indicted two Metropolitan Police Department Fourth District officers in the case for the death and for efforts to cover up the incident.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from Linda K. Harlee Harper, Director of Gun Violence Prevention in the Office of the City Administrator regarding the District’s new [Building Blocks DC](#) program, a place-based, data-driven approach that uses comprehensive block-by-block analysis to pinpoint specific areas where gun violence is regularly happening at the Commission’s April 26, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the Council for Court Excellence regarding the District Task Force for Jails and Justice and their report, [Jails & Justice: Our Transformation Starts Today](#) at the Commission’s April 26, 2021, meeting.
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B invited presentations from representatives of the Metropolitan Police Department’s 4th District at its monthly regular public meetings.

Good Government

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B champions practices that support and increase the ability of residents to participate in our local government and advocates for well-supported Advisory Neighborhood Commissions that work well, efficiently, and equitably. The Commission recognized the challenges presented by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency and responded promptly to implement procedures and practices for successful virtual meetings. The Commission has continued to advocate for virtual options for Commission and other government meetings to improve inclusion and accessibility, as well as other improvements to centralized supports for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions across the District. In addition, the Commission has engaged residents and weighed in substantively regarding the District's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, called for equity in upcoming redistricting in the District, and continued to support vote-by-mail elections as a mechanism to increase convenience and public participation.

In furtherance of the Commission's goals of encouraging and improving civic engagement and public participation in local government, the Commission has acted in the following ways:

- The Commission received a presentation from Rank the Vote DC and approved [Resolution 4B-20-1106](#), Calling for Ranked Choice Voting in the District of Columbia at the Commission's November 23, 2020, meeting. The Resolution noted "use of a ranked choice voting system for primary and general elections is in the best interest of our community. Ranked choice voting aligns our local voting method with our values of freedom, cultural innovation, meaningful representation, and racial equity."
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0102](#), Calling for Adjustments to Scheduling of Hearings by the Board of Zoning Adjustments to Facilitate Public Participation at the Commission's January 25, 2021, meeting. The Resolution highlighted requests approved by the Commission in [Resolution 4B-20-1002](#), Encouraging Best Practices to Assure Broad Inclusivity and Robust Participation in DC Government Hearings at the Commission's October 26, 2020, meeting.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0601](#), Calling for Virtual Testimony Option for DC Government Hearings at the Commission's June 28, 2021, meeting. The Resolution requested that the DC Council and agencies "continue to provide the option for residents to testify virtually at DC government public hearings" and noted that "more people participate when government hearings meet them where they are."
- The Commission approved a [Letter of Inquiry](#) regarding Ensuring Adequate Resources for Successful Advisory Neighborhood Commissions at the Commission's January 25, 2021, meeting. The letter noted the Commission's extensive past efforts for improved centralized support for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions across the District and called for improved and expanded new Commissioner onboarding; access to resources; advice and consultation; administrative and other supports; office space; public education; technology services and supports; cross-Commission resources; and funding.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0104](#), Calling for Fair and Equitable Elections Procedures and Improved Mechanisms to Fill Advisory Neighborhood Commission Vacancies at the Commission's January 25, 2021, meeting. The Resolution called for "eliminat[ing] the current statutory language precluding the ability to fill vacant Commission seats during a public health emergency and develop clear and practicable procedures for filling Commission vacancies during and after the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency." The Resolution also highlighted the need for "dedicated attention to the need for additional sup-

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ports for sustained representation” for the Single Member District 7F07 seat, which includes residents at the DC Jail and the Harriet Tubman Women’s Shelter. Following action by the DC Council, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, and advocacy groups, a Commissioner has been elected to Single Member District 7F07.

- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0903](#), Encouraging Enhancements to and Formalized Use of ANC Resolution Portal at the Commission’s September 27, 2021, meeting. The Resolution noted: “Formalized use of and improvements to the Portal would better ensure information is shared with residents consistently across the District.”
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0509](#), Calling for Legislative Revisions and Supports to Allow Hybrid (Virtual and In-Person) Meetings for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions at the Commission’s May 24, 2021, meeting. Commissioner Palmer drafted and all Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners for 4B joined and a [citywide letter](#) to the DC Council on June 10, 2021, calling for necessary centralized support for “the ability to have hybrid (virtual and in-person) meetings ... to ensure efficient, effective, and responsive Commissions across the District.” In response, Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen offered an [amendment](#) that the DC Council approved in July 2021 allowing Commissions to continue to hold virtual meetings through February 5, 2022. Councilmember Allen also announced his intent to offer a permanent measure in support of hybrid (virtual and in-person) meetings.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0703](#), Requesting Centralized Funding and Support for Advisory Neighborhood Commission Technology and Printing Needs at the Commission’s July 26, 2021, meeting. The Resolution noted the importance of including funding in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Technical Support and Assistance Fund for “meeting technologies – including those necessary for hybrid (virtual and in-person) meetings – and printing.”
- Commissioner Palmer [testified](#) before the DC Council’s Committee on Government Operations and Facilities at the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commission’s budget oversight hearing on June 4, 2021, regarding the Office’s reluctance to implement efforts to improve centralized supports for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and the need to ensure hybrid (virtual and in-person) Commission meetings after the end of the declared public health emergency.
- Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Yeats drafted and Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson joined a citywide letter by Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners calling for a more sustainable equitable transit system and an end to parking passes for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners.
- The Commission approved a comprehensive [Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting. The Commission expressed its priorities related to COVID-19 (coronavirus) response and recovery, housing justice, human needs, Vision Zero and traffic safety, community safety and support, education and schools, and neighborhood needs.
- The Commission approved a [Supplemental Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, including feedback from the Commission’s Housing Justice and Vision Zero Committees at the Commission’s June 28, 2021, meeting. The Letter noted Mayor Muriel Bowser’s proposed budget “[did] not match the scale of the District’s homelessness and affordable housing crisis or recognize the need for sustained, long-term local investments” or “adequately prioritize vulnerable road users in our design and implementation of transportation facilities.”
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from Dr. Lewis Ferebee, Chancellor of DC Public Schools, regarding Mayor Bowser’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget as related to schools, including discussing per-student funding, technology, school-based mental health, and safe passage and other transportation to school issues at the Commission’s June 28, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from Mayor Muriel Bower and members of her administration on her proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and the status of COVID-19 (coronavirus) relief and recovery efforts at the Commission’s July 26, 2021, meeting.

- The Commission’s Housing Justice Committee welcomed a presentation from the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless regarding Mayor Bowser’s proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget at the Committee’s June 14, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from At-Large Councilmember Elissa Silverman, Chair of the Subcommittee on Redistricting about [Redistricting in Washington, DC](#) at the Commission’s October 25, 2021, meeting. The Commission’s [Letter of Inquiry](#) regarding Ensuring Adequate Resources for Successful Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, approved at its January 25, 2021, meeting, noted: “The process of redistricting Advisory Neighborhood Commissions should focus on equity and create Commissions that are approximately equal in size and reflect the diversity of the District’s population, and not Commissions that are divided by other political boundaries like Wards.” Commissioner Yeats testified in furtherance of those goals at the Subcommittee on Redistricting’s Ward 4 hearing on October 28, 2021.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the District’s Office of Human Rights on the work of the Office to enforce the District’s anti-discrimination laws and protections afforded to vulnerable populations at the Commission’s May 24, 2021, meeting.
- Commissioner Palmer submitted [written testimony](#) to the DC Council’s Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety at its performance oversight hearing for the District Board of Elections on March 17, 2021, focused on full commitment to the option to vote by mail. The testimony encompassed Commissioner Palmer’s years of work to support successful vote-by-mail elections in the District.
- Commissioner Yeats provided written testimony to the DC Council’s Committee of the Whole for its performance oversight hearing for the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor on March 11, 2021, to support their responsiveness to Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and residents and to encourage the Council to provide adequate funding for additional audit work.

Infrastructure

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B strives at every opportunity to work collaboratively and constructively with DC government agencies and to ensure they are meeting resident needs. The Commission and Commissioners have worked with and called for improvements from the District Department of Public Works regarding timely and comprehensive trash collection and enforcement of commercial vehicle restrictions; the District Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs regarding its regulation of vacant and blighted properties and enforcement of violations; the District Department of General Services regarding challenges with maintenance of the properties it manages and responsiveness to requests; and, as noted above, the District Department of Transportation regarding needed traffic safety and infrastructure improvements. Commissioners have had success working with the District Department of Energy and Environment with regard to its RiverSmart homes and schools programs and other green infrastructure projects.

In furtherance of the Commission’s goals of ensuring robust local infrastructure and responsive government services, the Commission has acted in the following ways:

- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0201](#), Calling for Improved Mechanisms to Address Abandoned Cars at the Commission’s February 22, 2021, meeting. The Resolution noted “numerous complaints regarding vehicles that are or appear to be abandoned on residential and non-residential streets within the Commission’s boundaries” and the need for

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a clarified and simplified definition of an abandoned vehicle and improved towing and impoundment by the District Department of Public Works. Commissioner Palmer testified before the DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment in support of [The Removal and Disposition of Abandoned and Other Unlawfully Parked Vehicles Reform Amendment Act of 2021](#) on October 26, 2021.

- The Commission approved a [Letter of Inquiry](#) regarding Commercial Vehicles on Residential Roads at the Commission's April 26, 2021, meeting. Commissioner Palmer [testified](#) before the DC Council at the District Department of Department of Public Works' performance oversight hearing on March 9, 2021, and [testified](#) before the DC Council at the District Department of Transportation's performance oversight hearing on December 26, 2021, regarding commercial vehicles on residential roads. The Commission continues to struggle with securing enforcement regarding limitations on commercial vehicles on residential roads.
- The Commission approved a [Letter of Inquiry](#) Requesting Information regarding the District Department of Public Works' Public Litter Can Collection and Zero Waste Efforts at the Commission's April 26, 2021, meeting. The letter requested information regarding the schedule for and frequency of collection by the District Department of Public Works. Commissioners regularly submit 311 requests for overflowing public trash bins and have sought additional collections. The Commission never received a response from the Department to this letter.
- The Commission wrote a [Letter](#) to Mayor Muriel Bowser regarding Federal Funding to Remove All Lead Service Lines in the District on May 5, 2021. The Letter "request[ed] use of federal and local funding to ensure swift removal of lead service lines throughout the District" and noted "[r]emoval of lead service lines throughout the District is urgent and a moral imperative."
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from Pepco regarding the [Capital Grid Project](#) at the Commission's January 25, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the District Department of Health regarding rodent control in the District at the Commission's February 22, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from DC Water's Clean Rivers project regarding their green infrastructure project, [Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Project B](#) at the Commission's April 26, 2021, meeting. Commissioners Palmer and Yeats wrote a letter to DC Water on May 3, 2021, asking for the expansion of green infrastructure projects within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B and providing a list of suggested project locations within their Single Member Districts. DC Water responded on June 11, 2021, that they would consider those locations for Rock Creek Green Infrastructure Projects C and D.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from Ernest Chrappah, Director of the District Department of Consumer and Regulatory affairs on the work of the agency, including citation and enforcement of code violations, resident inspectors, and customer service surveys at the Commission's June 28, 2021, meeting.
- Commissioner Brooks testified at the DC Council's Committee of the Whole's public roundtable on vacant and blighted properties on May 25, 2021, noting quality of life concerns associated with these properties – that they often become rat infested, serve as dumping grounds, and they create additional concerns for other agencies – and that they are also embarrassing visual reminders of ineffective programming by the District Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from PEPCO regarding the [District of Columbia Powerline Undergrounding \(DC PLUG\) Initiative](#), a citywide initiative to relocate elevated power lines to underground locations, including details regarding the project and public outreach at the Commission's July 26, 2021, meeting.
- Commissioner Palmer supported [two public meetings](#) related to a project funded by a [Community Stormwater Solutions Grant](#) awarded to neighbors in Takoma to design a holistic solution to blockwide

stormwater challenges in April 2021. The neighbors have applied for and received another round of grant funding to implement the designed solution.

- Commissioners Palmer and Yeats authored a letter on October 29, 2021, in support of Takoma Elementary School's participation in the District Department of Energy and Environment's RiverSmart Schools program, which would provide substantial green infrastructure to the school, as well as additional outdoor learning opportunities for students.
- Commissioner Palmer [testified](#) before the DC Council's Committee on Government Operations and Facilities at its performance oversight hearing for the District Department of General Services on March 8, 2021, regarding lead testing and remediation, years of infrastructure challenges and deficient repairs at Whittier Elementary School, and confusion over the Department's lack of integration in the 311 system.
- Commissioner Palmer and Commissioner Yeats submitted a letter on June 7, 2021, to the Chair of the DC Council's Committee on Business and Economic Development for its budget oversight hearing for the District Department of Small and Local Business Development requesting DC Main Streets funding and designation for Old Takoma Business Association/ Main Street Takoma. The District's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget included this funding but not the Main Street designation.

Education, Recreation, & Community Spaces

Students, families, and schools have faced unprecedented challenges over the previous two years. The COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency deepened already existing inequities that have plagued the District's public education system. Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B has worked to support students across the Commission area and throughout the city through an equity framework. Previous attempts to ensure equity have not succeeded — particularly in ensuring funding for at-risk students follows those students to their school and supplements existing funding — and current budgeting practices have only perpetuated those gaps.

Equitable access to and use of quality and safe public education, recreation, and public spaces are essential, particularly during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency and as the District recovers. These spaces serve as community hubs and provide vast benefits to our neighborhoods. To that end, the Commission has engaged in oversight of and advocacy for our community's schools, recreation centers, and other public spaces, which have faced persistent problems with leaking roofs, non-functioning HVAC systems, deteriorated play areas, and other issues that have disrupted day-to-day operations and limited fulsome and equitable use of these community resources.

In furtherance of the Commission's goals of ensuring schools have the necessary resources to provide services to students, particularly as the District recovers from the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency, and that those schools are safe and adequately funded, as well as to improve and expand public facilities in our neighborhoods, the Commission has acted in the following ways:

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- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for

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“fully fund[ing] individual District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) school budgets and ensure that no school experiences staff or program cuts of any kind so that federal and local relief funding are in addition to existing staff and resources at schools.”

- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “includ[ing] adequate resources to plan for the continuation of high-quality virtual learning for every student, including at least \$11 million to ensure one-to-one devices for DCPS students, expanded Internet access (including municipal Internet, as noted above), expanded outreach for existing under-enrolled Internet programs, and at least \$32 million to equip DCPS buildings with adequate infrastructure and bandwidth to support hybrid learning, see [Resolution 4B-20-0502](#), Calling for Assessment and Plan to Broaden Municipal Internet (May 26, 2020).”
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “increas[ing] the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula and the at-risk weights to levels recommended in the 2013 DC Education Adequacy Study from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, adjusted for inflation, by approximately \$101 million, and ensuring at-risk funds are used in compliance with the law, are supplemental to school budgets, and are not used to fund any required positions under the Comprehensive Staffing Model.”
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “restor[ing] librarians as a required position under the Comprehensive Staffing Model and ensuring each DCPS school is funded for at least one librarian without using supplemental at-risk funding.” The DC Council passed an amendment to the budget on August 3, 2021, ensuring funding for at least one full-time librarian in every District of Columbia Public School for school year 2021-2022.
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “repeal[ing] the budget provision in the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Act that allows for school colocation to ensure adequate social distancing in school buildings until children can receive the COVID-19 (coronavirus) vaccine.”
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “adjust[ing] and expand[ing] funding to DCPS budgets mid-year to account for the addition of students from other Local Education Agencies.”
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “ensur[ing] federal relief funds for DCPS provide school-level support and flexibility instead of being spent centrally and externally by requiring that DCPS issue guidance to principals stating that funds can be used for staffing, can be spent over time, and do not require immediate obligation.”
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “requir[ing] the Office of the State Superintendent of Education to fully spend federal relief funds on existing schools and not hold funds back for schools not yet open, including the \$3 million currently held in reserve for that purpose.”
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “provid[ing] \$6.4 million in additional funding for school-based mental health services that will allow expansion of the Department of Behavioral Health's programs to 80 additional public schools.”
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “withhold[ing] funding for additional charter schools until enrollment has stabilized post-pandemic so that the District can focus both federal and local funds on existing schools and students, rather than diverting resources to additional administrative costs.”

- The Commission’s [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission’s March 22, 2021, meeting, called for “ensur[ing] sufficient funding to swiftly modernize Whittier Education Campus and LaSalle Backus Education Campus, including considerations for the safety of students and teachers with regard to leaks and mold, as well as accessibility, without displacing modernizations of other schools, see [Resolution 4B-19-1002](#), Calling for Accelerated Modernization of Whittier Education Campus (Oct. 28, 2019).”
- The Commission’s [Supplemental Letter](#) re Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at its June 28, 2021, meeting, called for “supplement[ing] the federal Safe Routes to Schools program with local funds to aggressively improve safety in the areas around the District’s schools with a focus on increased automated enforcement of school zones with the proceeds reinvested directly into school safety programs.”
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0604](#), Supporting Implementation of the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor’s Recommendations for an Educational Data System to Support Student Progress at the Commission’s June 28, 2021, meeting. The Resolution called on the Office of the State Superintendent to implement the recommendations of the District of Columbia Auditor for a longitudinal student information and early warning system to ensure that students are able to succeed in our complex local public education system. The Office of the State Superintendent of Education did not respond to the Resolution.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0904](#), Calling for District Department of General Services to Provide Online Dashboard to Track Status of DC School Facilities at the Commission’s September 27, 2021, meeting. The Resolution noted a stream of documented facilities issues in school buildings across the District in the weeks before the start of school, including “faulty heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment, missing high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters, missing outdoor equipment necessary for social distancing during lunch, and other facilities issues” and that the District government “had 17 months to prepare for the return to in-person learning, fully aware of the importance of proper air filtration and temperature control in schools.” The District Department of General Services did not provide a response to this Resolution, although it appears to have taken some action to document the status of work orders in response to the DC Council.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-1004](#), Supporting a Comprehensive Coronavirus Testing Program in DC Schools at the Commission’s October 25, 2021, meeting. The Resolution noted the challenges with the current testing protocol and the District’s continued failure to meet its testing goals and recommended the Office of the State Superintendent of Education implement a universal coronavirus testing program. The Office of the State Superintendent of Education did not respond to this Resolution.
- Commissioner Yeats testified before the DC Council’s Committee of the Whole at its performance oversight hearing for DC Public Schools, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, the DC Public Charter School Board, and the State Board of Education on March 9, 2021 about concerns that the Committee’s practice of combining education hearings provides inadequate opportunities for public feedback and testimony.
- Commissioner Palmer [testified](#) before the DC Council’s Committee of the Whole at its

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performance oversight hearing for DC Public Schools, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education, the DC Public Charter School Board, and the State Board of Education on March 15, 2021, regarding the need for robust investment in early childhood education, the need to invest in resources and supports for virtual and in-person learning, and difficulties navigating Council oversight of education.

- Commissioner Yeats submitted written testimony for the the DC Council's Committee of the Whole budget hearing for District of Columbia Public Schools on April 2, 2021. The testimony was based on the Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities and opposed efforts to eliminate teaching positions at LaSalle-Backus, Whittier, and Takoma Elementary Schools within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B.
- Commissioner Yeats testified before the DC Council's Committee of the Whole at its oversight roundtable on Re-Opening District of Columbia Public Schools and District of Columbia Public Charter Schools for School Year 2021-2022 on July 22, 2021, regarding inadequate oversight of the Office of the State Superintendent of Education's inequitably and unevenly applied standards for school re-openings and access to virtual learning.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the Director of Coolidge Senior High's [Academy of Health Sciences](#) at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from school representatives and Michael Marshall Design regarding a proposed expansion of Friendship Public Charter School's Ideal Campus, 6130 North Capitol Street, NW, at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a presentation from the Director of Theodore Roosevelt High school's NAF Academies, including the school's culinary arts and global service and diplomacy pathways, at the Commission's May 24, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission welcomed a discussion with parent representatives from Whittier Elementary School at the Commission's October 12, 2021, planning meeting.
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B welcomed presentations from the Ward 4 Representative to the State Board of Education at its monthly regular public meetings.

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- The Commission received a presentation from HGA Architects and Engineers and approved Resolution 4B-20-1007, Supporting Request for Special Exception to Lot Occupancy and Parking Requirements to Allow Construction of New Lamond-Riggs DC Public Library, 5401 South Dakota Avenue, NE (BZA 20392) at the Commission's November 23, 2020, meeting.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0103](#), Supporting Renaming Park in the 6100 Block of North Dakota Avenue, NW, as the Ronald Austin Memorial Park at the Commission's January 25, 2021, meeting.
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0205](#), Establishing Recreation and Community Spaces Committee at the Commission's February 22, 2021, meeting. The Committee's mandate is to work on (1) outreach, planning, and community inclusion; (2) operations and maintenance; and (3) programming (organized and coordinated activities).
- The Commission's [Letter](#) regarding Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Priorities, approved at the Commission's March 22, 2021, meeting, called for "ensur[ing] adequate funding for necessary maintenance of and renovations to recreation centers within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, as well as improved and expanded programming, *see* Resolution 4B-19-1101, Supporting Necessary Funding for Lighting and Pathway at Takoma Community Center (Nov. 25, 2019); Letter of Inquiry Concerning ANC 4B Recreation Centers (June 25, 2019)."
- The Commission approved [Resolution 4B-21-0401](#), Supporting AARP Proposal to Install a FitLot at

Lamond Recreation Center at the Commission's April 26, 2021, meeting, following a presentation at its March 22, 2021, meeting. The Resolution notes the FitLot would include a combination of exercise equipment and funding to support three years of instructor-led, no-cost fitness classes. Commissioner Bromaghim also convened a community meeting concerning the proposed FitLot on April 7, 2021.

- The Commission approved a [Letter of Inquiry](#) Expressing Concerns About National Park Service Maintenance and Community Coordination at the Commission's April 26, 2021, meeting. The Letter notes: "While the open spaces and recreational opportunities provided by these facilities is a tremendous community asset, we have grown increasingly concerned that the National Park Service's management of these areas is characterized by community disengagement and neglect."

The Commission's regular public meeting agendas and minutes for November 2020 through October 2021 are attached to this Report as Appendix 1.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Operations

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B has significantly improved and expanded its institutional operations, including with regard to subject matter committees, public engagement and transparency, use of technology to improve inclusion and accessibility, and financial solvency. At the start of the year, Single Member District 4B05 lacked representation, and the Commission advocated for improved procedures to fill vacancies during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency. See [Resolution 4B-21-0104](#), Calling for Fair and Equitable Elections Procedures and Improved Mechanisms to Fill Advisory Neighborhood Commission Vacancies (Jan. 25, 2021). Thanks to changed procedures in response to the Commission's efforts, a new Commissioner joined Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B in July 2021 to represent Single Member District 4B05.

The Commission previously approved revised [Rules of Procedure](#) in 2020 to allow for the creation and implementation of committees to assist with the Commission's work and provide valuable expertise. Prior to 2019, the Commission used committees, but committee operations were suspended due to ongoing conflict among then-Commissioners over the role and influence of committees on the work of the Commission. As provided in more detail above, the Commission has approved the formation of four new subject matter committees: the Housing Justice Committee ([Resolution 4B-20-0205](#)); the Vision Zero Committee ([Resolution 4B-20-1006](#)); the Community Safety and Support Committee ([Resolution 4B-21-0304](#)); and the Recreation and Community Spaces Committee ([Resolution 4B-21-0205](#)).

The Housing Justice Committee held seven (7) meetings from November 2020 through November 2021, including discussions regarding proposed developments within the Commission area; presentations from and discussions with other Advisory Neighborhood Commissions focused on affordable housing; and presentations from subject matter experts on affordable housing development, ending chronic homelessness, and tenant protections and support. The Vision Zero Committee held eight (8) meetings from November 2020 through November 2021, working collaboratively to both learn about the District's transportation system and safety measures, as well as pushing for specific improvements in our communities. The Committee welcomed presentations from the Director of the District Department of Transportation's Vision Zero program and members of Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George's office, as well as worked collaboratively to inform Commission resolutions calling for better sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic calming.

The Commission continues to notice its regular public meetings in accordance with [DC Code § 1-309.11\(c\)](#) ("Each Commission shall give notice of all meetings or convocations to each Commissioner and residents of the Commission area no less than 7 days prior to the date of such meeting."). Specifically, the Commission provides notice via the [Commission's website](#), syndicated electronic calendars available for subscription, several neighborhood listservs, two neighborhood blogs, and via individual Commissioner outreach (by newsletter, social media, etc.). The Commission's website also includes the following:

- a list of Commissioners and their contact information;
- meeting agendas and draft Resolutions and official actions (posted prior to the meeting);
- meeting minutes, as approved;
- links to the recordings of Commission meetings (via YouTube);
- a link to the [Advisory Neighborhood Commission Resolution Portal](#) (containing all Commission Resolutions and official actions uploaded to the Portal);

- the Commission’s governing documents (including its Bylaws and Rules of Procedure)
- the Commission’s Annual Reports (beginning in 2019);
- the Commission’s financial documents (including Budgets and Quarterly Financial Reports);
- community grant application instructions and a grant application; and
- materials related to meetings of the Commission’s active Committees.

These materials significantly improve the Commission’s transparency, including with regard to historical materials and operations, which are piecemeal (where they even exist) prior to 2019. The Resolution Portal also facilitates cross-Commission information and knowledge sharing, as well as collaboration.

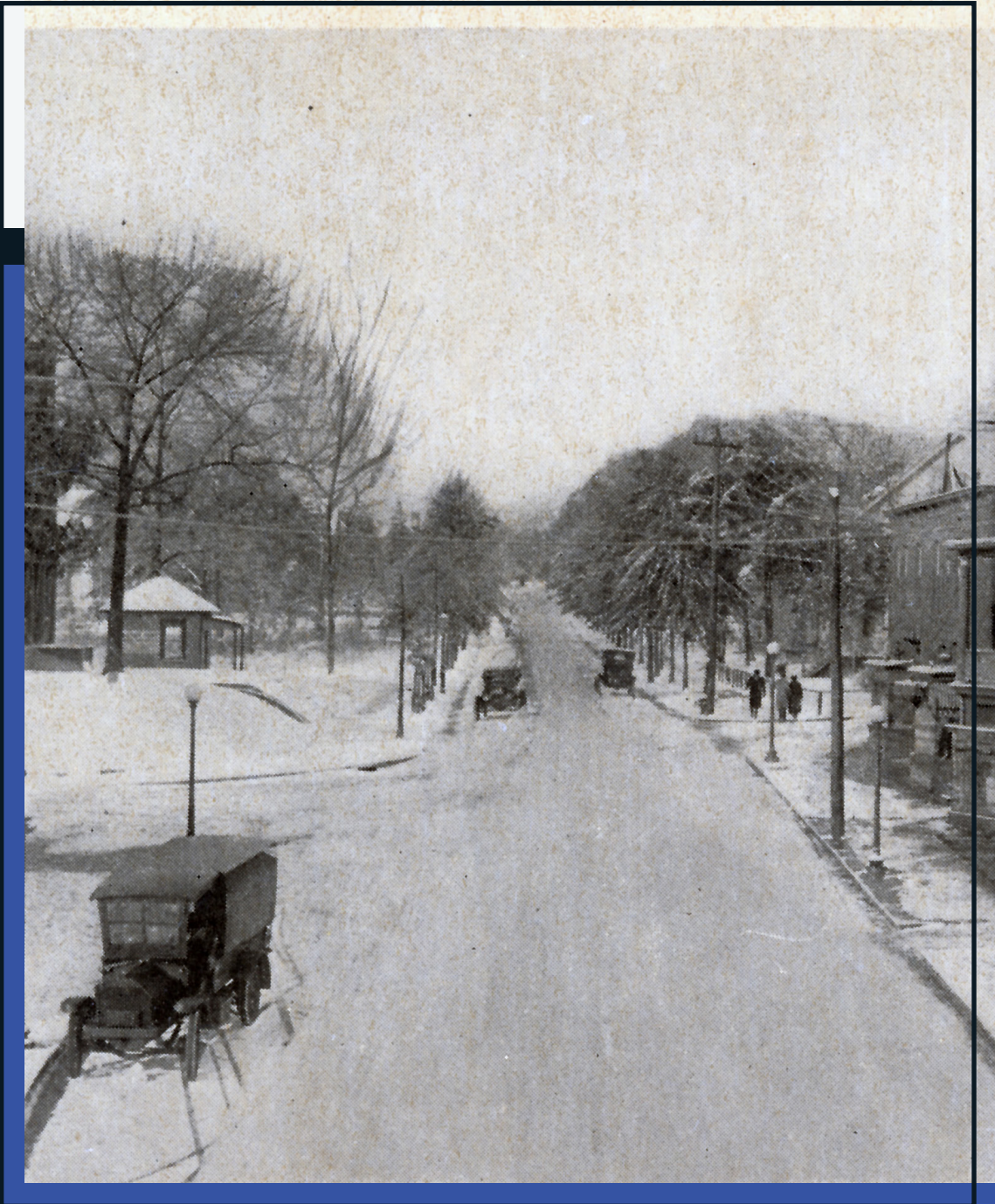
The Commission has not had physical office space since December 2018 given the Commission’s budget constraints and other needs. The District provided allotment is not sufficient to hire administrative staff and technical support necessary for virtual or hybrid meetings and rent a private office at market rates. The Commission believes that District-owned or leased office space is essential to further the Commission’s work, including for physical recordkeeping, printing, and holding meetings (when possible given the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency). To that end, the Commission has continued to pursue District-owned office space or the reprogramming of funds as authorized under [Resolution 4B-18-1101](#), Requesting Office Space for Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (November 13, 2018) and [DC Code § 1 309.13\(q\)](#). Unfortunately, the District government has still not met its obligation under that statutory provision and has not provided the Commission with office space or reprogrammed funds.

Like last year, the Commission continued to meet virtually in response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) public health emergency and required technical assistance to facilitate virtual meetings. Due to improved Commission finances over the last few years, the Commission was able to hire an employee to provide technological and administrative assistance to the Commission for its monthly virtual meetings. Overall, the Commission saw an increase in the number of meeting attendees and has advocated – along with over 100 Commissioners across the District – for a continued virtual option to attend and participate in Commission meetings, among other measures, to continue to improve the inclusivity and accessibility of Commission meetings. See [Resolution 4B-21-0509](#), Calling for Legislative Revisions and Supports to Allow Hybrid (Virtual and In-Person) Meetings for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (May 24, 2021); [Citywide Letter](#) Calling for Hybrid (Virtual and In-Person Meetings for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (June 10, 2021). While Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen announced his intent to offer a permanent measure in support of hybrid (virtual and in-person) meetings, the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions has offered no support for hybrid meetings. The Commission urges prompt action, as well as the necessary centralized support to successfully offer such meetings.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B has repeatedly advocated for administrative support and infrastructure for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, including this year via a [Letter of Inquiry](#) regarding Ensuring Adequate Resources for Successful Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, approved at the Commission’s January 25, 2021, meeting and [Resolution 4B-21-0703](#), Requesting Centralized Funding and Support for Advisory Neighborhood Commission Technology and Printing Needs, approved at its July 26, 2021, meeting. The Letter noted the Commission’s extensive past efforts for improved centralized support for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions across the District and called for improved and expanded new Commissioner

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onboarding; access to resources; advice and consultation; administrative and other supports; office space; public education; technology services and supports; cross-Commission resources; and funding – needs that the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions continues to not fulfill. The lack of funding and centralized administrative support for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions not only presents challenges for Commission operations, but also serves as a barrier to entry for individuals interested in serving on the Commission. Advisory Neighborhood Commissions provide a valuable service and should be supported administratively like other agencies.



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B's Financial Status

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B entered calendar year 2021 financially healthy and current on its reporting obligations. [DC Code § 1-309.13\(j\)](#). As of its October 2021 bank statement, the Commission's checking account has a balance of \$47,005.76. The Commission's 2021 expenses have included its technological and administrative support employee, storage space for files (in light of the Commission's closed out office space), office supplies, website expenses, bank charges, and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission security fund.

As noted in the Commission's 2020 Annual Report, the Commission has filed all outstanding Quarterly Financial Reports as required by law and is in compliance with its financial recordkeeping obligations. The Commission approved its [Quarterly Financial Report for the First Quarter of FY2021](#) and its [Quarterly Financial Report for the Second Quarter of FY2021](#) at the Commission's May 24, 2021, meeting. In addition, the Commission filed a revised Quarterly Report for the Second Quarter of FY2020, a revised Quarterly Report for the Third Quarter of FY2020, and approved the Quarterly Report for the Fourth Quarter of FY2020 at the Commission's May 24, 2021, meeting. The delay in the Fiscal Year 2020 reports was due to a delay by the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions in providing the spreadsheet required to complete these reports. The Commission approved its [Quarterly Financial Report for the Third Quarter of FY2021](#) at the Commission's September 27, 2021, meeting and approved its [Quarterly Financial Report for Fourth Quarter of FY2021](#) at the Commission's October 25, 2021, meeting. The Commission continues to post its financial documents on the Commission's website to increase transparency regarding Commission finances.

The Commission approved its [Fiscal Year 2022 Budget](#) at its September 27, 2021, meeting. The budget includes funding for a Commission employee to provide technological and administrative assistance (\$15,600), office needs, including printing (\$5,500); grants (\$4,000); other items (\$2,00); communications, including website charges (\$200); and bank charges (\$100). Now that the Commission is financially secure, the Commission is offering grants to support the community and has provided grant application instructions, including a timeline for applications and awards, and a grant application on the Commission's website. The Commission [eliminated a previously existing limitation on grant awards of \\$500](#) and approved a [grant of \\$2,000 for the Friends of Emery Heights Community Center](#) at its October 25, 2021, meeting. The Commission hopes to offer more grants in support of the community in the future.

The Commission's Fiscal Year 2021 Quarterly Financial Reports are attached to this Report as Appendix 2, and its draft Fiscal Year 2022 Budget is attached to this Report as Appendix 3. These materials are also available on the Commission's website.





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