

**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D DECEMBER 1 ANNUAL REPORT  
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This report summarizes the activities of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D (“ANC” or “Commission”) for the period of October 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022. During this period, ANC 4D addressed numerous issues of importance to our constituents and community. ANC Commissioners have held 13 public meetings. Individual Commissioners have held Single Member District (“SMD”) meetings for their geographical areas. Due to the continuing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, ANC 4D conducted virtual public meetings by Zoom which constituents have been able to access by video and telephone.

During the report period, ANC 4D passed 18 resolutions which were uploaded to the ANC Resolutions Portal<sup>1</sup>, as well as forwarded to DC Council, the executive agencies, or both. The Commission also voted to support an OAG Cure the Streets Program Implementation Grant for Brightwood Park/Petworth. The Commission voted to support several Board of Zoning Adjustment special exception applications, including Case Nos. 20659 (604 Gallatin St., NW), 20792 (300 Ingraham St., NW), 20801 (5131 2<sup>nd</sup> St., NW), 20810 (5316 Kansas Ave., NW), and 20823 (5427-33 Georgia Ave., NW). Finally, the Commission, by letter supported by all six (6) Commissioners, submitted Comments by ANC 4D Commissioners on Proposed Zoning Commission Text Amendment in Case 22-25 on September 29, 2022.

This report is divided into the following sections: Community Grants, Housing, Development, and Zoning, Traffic Calming, Pedestrian Safety and other Transportation Issues, Public Safety, Budgets and Financing, Public Communication, and Miscellaneous Issues.

ANC 4D is proud to have been of service to our community and will remain active in our community even as we pass the baton to a new group of Commissioners.

Very truly yours,

4D01 Commissioner Erik Lindsjo  
4D02 Commissioner Renée L. Bowser, Chair  
4D03 Commissioner Aryan Rodriguez Bocquet, Secy.  
4D04 Commissioner Zachary Israel, Treasurer  
4D05 Commissioner Eric Smith  
4D06 Commissioner Jonathan Nobil, Vice-Chair

## **Community Grants**

On October 20, 2021, ANC 4D voted to approve a \$1,184.91 grant to Petworth Peanuts for their 2021 Halloween Sherman Circle Spooktacular event that took place on October 31, 2021.

On July 20, 2022, ANC 4D voted to approve a \$2,950.00 grant to Petworth Peanuts for their 2022 Sherman Circle Spooktacular event which took place on October 30, 2022, in addition to a smaller free community event, a Halloween costume exchange and movie night at E.L. Haynes Public Charter School, held on October 15, 2022.

On July 20, 2022, ANC 4D voted to approve a \$1,750.00 grant to United to Rise for their 25th anniversary celebration at the YOUR Center (located within ANC 4C's boundaries near John Lewis Elementary School) on August 27, 2022. However, the event never took place and the \$1,750.00 in grant funds were returned to ANC 4D in late September 2022.

On July 20, 2022, ANC 4D voted to approve a \$3,500.00 grant to Life Success Center to hold a free community event that took place on the 700 Block of Kennedy Street NW on November 12, 2022.

On July 20, 2022, ANC 4D voted to approve a \$3,500.00 grant to Petworth Blooms to carry out various beautification projects (i.e., planting flowers/plants) at Lorenzo Allen Memorial Park and other small triangle parks located within ANC 4D's boundaries during summer and fall 2022 and, potentially, during spring 2023.

On July 20, 2022, ANC 4D voted to approve a \$1,750.00 grant to the Truesdell Family Teacher Organization (FTO) for "The Whole Child" partnership to build on the grant the FTO received from ANC 4D in June 2021 to support OST activities for youth enrolled at Truesdell Elementary School (i.e., a pop-up farmers' markets and food distribution, supporting physical education activities like flag football and clubs [STEM, arts] for youth). The funds will be spent between fall 2022 and spring 2023.

On September 21, 2022, ANC 4D voted to approve a \$2,000.00 grant to the Petworth Arts Collaborative to hold a community art and teddy bear picnic in May 2023 at Sherman Circle Park.

On September 21, 2022, ANC 4D voted to approve a \$2,000.00 grant to the Home Rule Music and Film Preservation Foundation to hold a community music and movie night that took place on the 700 Block of Kennedy Street NW on October 7, 2022.

On September 21, 2022, ANC 4D voted to approve a \$2,000.00 grant to Ward 4 Mutual Aid to purchase food and baby formula for Ward 4 residents. These funds were spent during fall 2022.

## **Housing, Development, and Zoning**

### *Housing*

ANC 4D continues its active support for affordable housing in our Commission area, Ward 4, and citywide. Over the past 14 months, our Commission tackled several housing issues. We are mindful that many households in our diverse Commission cannot afford the rowhouse homes which are currently selling for \$700K – \$1M+ or apartment housing in our Commission area.

On January 19, 2022, Commissioner Bowser, in her individual Commissioner capacity, testified at the performance oversight hearing of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Commissioner Bowser is concerned about the agency's continued failure to allocate the required amount of Housing Production Trust Fund monies to produce housing for extremely low-income (ELI) households and urged DC Council to require restitution funding to redress funding illegally diverted from ELI households over many fiscal years. Bowser also asked Council to urge DHCD to create a racial equity tool required by the DC Comprehensive Plan to ensure the racially equitable distribution of HPTF funding.

On January 19, 2022, ANC 4D passed ANC 4D Resolution Urging Department of Housing and Community Development to Comply with Legal Mandates to Preserve and Build Housing for DC's Lowest Income Residents. ANC 4D voted in support of this resolution following the findings of the DC Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in the OIG Project No. 20-1-23DB on the DHCD. ANC 4D is concerned that DHCD fails to inform ANC 4D's Commissioners and residents of affordable housing units available in ANC 4D's jurisdiction and how residents can access affordable housing opportunities. ANC 4D voted in support of legally mandated expenditures of Housing Production Trust Fund funding for affordable housing for extremely low and very low-income households to which DHCD failed to comply. The Commission is also concerned with the DHCD's lack of oversight to ensure that the developers were building the affordable units agreed to in their loan agreements, that housing providers were collecting only the maximum allowable rents on HPTF-produced units, and that the affordable units were leased only to the targeted households.

On February 26, 2022, Commissioner Bowser, in her individual capacity, testified at the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development (DMPED) performance oversight public hearing. Commissioner Bowser asked DC Council to strengthen oversight of the process of surplus and disposing of public land under DC Code §10-801 (2021) to require the Mayor and DMPED to give thorough consideration and research to whether public property can serve public purposes for the neighborhoods surrounding the property and citywide before selecting developers and making deals to transfer public land to developers. Commissioner Bowser asked for strengthened Council oversight before DMPED decides to surplus Old Engine Company 22 Firehouse (5760 Georgia Ave., NW) and dispose of it to developers.

On April 20, 2022, ANC 4D passed ANC 4D Resolution Demanding Increased Funding for Implementation and Stricter Oversight of DHCD Affordable Housing Programs. ANC 4D voted this Resolution to ask for increased funding for oversight and operation of the Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Program to improve the program's efficiency and record of rehabilitating homes in ANC 4D's jurisdiction. ANC 4D asked DC Council to allocate funding for public service campaigns informing ANC Commissioners and residents how to qualify for affordable housing units and to hire a racial equity officer to ensure that DHCD is examining and implementing its mission through a racial equity lens to meet the housing needs of the community.

On October 19, 2022, ANC 4D passed ANC 4D Resolution Demanding of Department of Buildings Transparency and Enforcement of Illegal Construction and Blighted, Vacant Property Regulations, and Housing and Construction Codes. ANC 4D supported this resolution because of long persisting blighted, vacant properties in ANC 4D neighborhoods, abandoned illegal construction sites that endanger adjoining property owners, abandoned construction sites that may endanger children coming onto the site, and the Commission's lack of awareness of the status of enforcement of laws and regulations regarding such sites.

Following submission of the October 19 Resolution to the new Department of Buildings (DOB) (and the Mayor's Office), Commissioners attended a PowerPoint training, and conducted a walk-through of the most egregious illegal construction and blighted, vacant properties within the 4D boundaries with Director Ernest Chrappah and his staff. DOB personnel explained how complaints to the agency are compiled and addressed. Commissioners showed the Director and staff the real-life consequences of persistent illegal construction and blighted, vacant properties.

On November 16, 2022, ANC 4D passed ANC 4D Resolution Supporting Green New Deal for Housing Amendment Act of 2022 to Build a System Where Housing is a Human Right. ANC 4D's Resolution supports Bill B24-0802 which would amend existing housing laws to establish social housing developments in DC. The bill, when enacted, will require the DC government to produce and own housing developments in which residents of mixed income will reside. Producing housing developments for residents with a mix of incomes to live together will result in cross subsidization of housing developments with residents who have a greater ability to afford housing with residents who have a lesser ability to afford housing in the District. ANC 4D also urged DC Council to provide land management authority to the office of Social Housing Development and enact safeguards that strengthen public input into the surplus and disposition process. Further, ANC 4D urged the development of a public property and housing master plan to require a study of the housing needs throughout DC and how public property owned and purchased by the city should be used for social housing developments. Finally, ANC 4D urged DC Council to maintain public control of current public housing developments.

*Zoning*

ANC 4D tackled and supported five (5) Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) applications for special exceptions. Three Applicants were individual homeowners: one requested a special exception to enlarge and extend a deck; another requested to enlarge his stand-alone home with a three-story addition; and the third requested to make a rear addition to a rowhouse. The fourth BZA Applicant was the owner of a 4-unit apartment building who endeavored to expand by building two (2) new basement units. The addition of two (2) units would make very small visual change of the property and would not impact the privacy or light and air of neighboring property owners. The fifth Applicant is a developer who requested a special exception from the lot occupancy requirements for razing the structure located at 5427-5433 Georgia Ave., NW to construct a new, semi-detached four-story mixed-use building with cellar, penthouse, and 22-unit residences in a MU-4 zone. ANC 4D was unsuccessful in getting the developer to agree to build more inclusionary zoning (IZ) residences or residences at a lower household income level than the IZ program requires. However, the Commission supported the Applicant, as this is the developer's first development in DC.

On April 25, 2022, Commissioner Bowser, in her individual capacity, testified against the reconfirmation of DC Zoning Commission Chair Anthony Hood. Commissioner Bowser opposed Chairman Hood's reconfirmation because under his leadership ZC issued orders that green-lighted developers to develop mostly market rate housing that resulted in displacement of tens of thousands of Black and Brown residents from the District. During his leadership, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals issued several decisions that found serious ground for concern that the Commission's zoning case orders did not reflect careful and independent consideration by the Commission of developer proposals, Comprehensive Plan policies, planned unit development requirements, or small area plans that impact development projects. Bowser argued that the ZC must have leadership that gives greater consideration to residents impacted by development throughout the city.

On September 29, 2022, ANC 4D Commissioners submitted Comments By ANC 4D Commissioners on Proposed Zoning Commission Text Amendment in Case 22-25. ANC 4D Commissioners sent comments to DC Zoning Commission Chairman Anthony Hood to oppose certain provisions of the proposed text amendment. ZC's text amendment would exclude ANCs from notice when the Office of Planning and Office of Zoning initiate text and map amendments to the zoning regulations. The proposed change appeared to violate ANC law that requires notice to ANCs by "each agency, board, and commission" before "proposed zoning changes." Additionally, ANC law requires the Office of Zoning to ensure that the affected Commission and the Commissioner representing the affected district are provided notice in "all zoning cases." Further, Commissioners stated their view that the proposed text amendment was deficient because it failed to require a racial equity analysis of text amendment and map amendment cases as it required in other BZA and ZC cases.

On October 5, 2022 Commissioner Bowser, in her individual capacity, testified before the DC Zoning Commission (ZC) in Case ZC Case No. 22-RT1, Commissioner Bowser testified in opposition to the Zoning Commission's one-page "racial equity tool" because it failed to include the basic criteria the DC Comprehensive Plan requires of an effective racial equity tool. Commissioner Bowser asked ZC to revise its racial equity tool: to identify and consider past and current systemic racial inequities in the development area; identify who benefits or is burdened by a development decision; disaggregate data by race and analyze data considering different impacts and outcomes by race; evaluate the proposed program, activity, or decisions to identify measures that reduce systemic racial inequities, eliminate race as a predictor of results, and promote equitable development outcomes in Ward 4 and DC.

### **Traffic Calming, Pedestrian Safety, and Other Transportation Issues.**

ANC 4D worked to obtain traffic calming measures, including speed humps and tables and four-way stop signs for numerous streets to improve pedestrian safety, slow down vehicles, and improve pedestrian and vehicle visibility.

ANC 4D Commissioners secured 4-way stop signs at several dangerous intersections, including at 1<sup>st</sup> and Ingraham Streets NW, Farragut Street and Illinois Avenue NW, 5<sup>th</sup> and Farragut St NW, 7<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson Streets NW, 8<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson Streets NW, and 9<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson Streets NW.

On March 16, 2022, ANC 4D passed Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Supporting Passage of Safe Streets Legislation. A child in ANC 4D was killed by a driver at the intersection of Kennedy Street and Georgia Avenue NW in April 2021 and, in February 2022, another child was seriously injured by a driver on the 800 Block of Ingraham Street NW as the child approached the entrance of Truesdell Elementary School. This Resolution urged DC Council to support six (6) traffic safety bills, including bills to enhance traffic safety around public schools, prohibit right turns on red, allow bikes, scooters, e-bikes, and other mobility devices to treat stop signs as yield signs, and reduce speed limits on major roads to 25 mph.

Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified in support of the "Safe Routes to School Expansion Regulation Amendment Act of 2021" (B24-565) and the "Walk Without Worry Amendment Act of 2021" (B24-566) at the DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment public hearing on the two bills held on March 14, 2022. Commissioner Israel, on behalf of ANC 4D, testified in support of the "Safer Intersections Amendment Act of 2022" (B24-673) and the "Upgrading Tactical Safety Projects Amendment Act of 2022" (B24-674) at the DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment public hearing on the two bills held on May 5, 2022.

On June 15, 2022, as part of increasing traffic safety around Truesdell Elementary School, ANC 4D passed Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D

Supporting DDOT's NOI-22-150-TESD. This Resolution supported increased traffic safety for students by supporting DC Department of Transportation's notice of intent (NOI) to close the 5200 block of 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, which is adjacent to Truesdell playground, to all vehicular traffic, along with the accompanying modifications proposed by NOI.

#### *Other Transportation Issues*

On October 26, 2021, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment at the nomination hearing for Everett Lott to serve as permanent Director of DDOT. Commissioner Israel highlighted what additional changes should occur institutionally within DDOT and several of the commitments to positive change that then-Acting Director Lott should make prior to the Council's vote on Resolution 24-326 confirming him to the position.

On January 19, 2022, ANC 4D passed Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Urging DDOT to Study and Design Bus Lanes for the Georgia Avenue NW and 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW Corridors. This Resolution is important because a significant portion of Georgia Avenue/7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW runs through ANC 4D and other Ward 4 ANCs. The corridor is one of 20 specific Bus Priority Corridors in the city and it is one of a few corridors to overlap with a Vision Zero High-Crash Corridor. The buses along the Georgia Avenue/7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW corridor are very important for ANC 4D residents as they access jobs, schools, and engage in other essential life activities. The Resolution urges DDOT to study and design bus lanes that will improve transit service and urges the agency to consider bus-bike lanes separated from other traffic.

On February 18, 2022, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment at the public oversight hearing on the performance of DDOT for FYs 2021 and 2022. Commissioner Israel discussed issues regarding the Traffic Safety Investigation (TSI) process; the lack or proactiveness of DDOT to address traffic safety-related concerns; the issue of dedicated bus lanes along the entirety of the Georgia Avenue NW corridor; moveDC; and the Residential Disability Permit Parking (RDPP) program.

On February 22, 2022, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council's Committee of the Whole at the public oversight hearing on the performance of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for FYs 2021 and 2022. Commissioner Israel discussed WMATA's lack of engagement with ANCs and commissioners and the serious repercussions which result from it.

On February 23, 2022, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment in favor of the "Metro for D.C. Amendment Act of 2021" (B24-429), which would establish a new \$100 monthly Transit Subsidy Program for all District residents, beginning with residents with the lowest incomes and moving gradually toward those with the highest. Commissioner Israel also recommended several changes to the legislation regarding the

term “non-regional bus” under the listed uses of the newly established Transit Equity Fund.

On April 4, 2022, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment at DDOT’s FY23 budget oversight hearing. He discussed the Bus Priority and Efficiency Initiative; Capital Bikeshare Expansion; ensuring full funding for the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020; funding long-delayed projects; and ensuring funding for soon-to-be-enacted transportation-related legislation.

On October 5, 2022, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council’s Committee on Transportation and the Environment at its public hearing on “Bill 24-949, the Booting and Impoundment Reform Amendment Act of 2022; Traffic Safety in the District.” Commissioner Israel testified in support of B24-949, in addition to how DDOT’s Traffic Safety Investigation (TSI) process must be reformed to make the District’s streets safer for all road users.

### **Public Safety**

ANC 4D has continually concerned itself with enhancing the public safety of our community. Several times the Commission invited the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) to provide an update on the activities of the Violence Interruption Specialists and asked to be kept aware of their focus areas. ANC 4D invited Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Geldart and new MPD 4<sup>th</sup> District Commander Carlos Heraud to the Commission’s public meetings. Additionally, Commissioners attended meetings held by the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice and the Commander to explore and implement ways to change conditions of individuals or groups at risk of committing or becoming victims of violence. The Commission followed up the meetings with specific questions to the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety’s office regarding how the government intended to improve conditions and the level of success of the government’s measures. To date, the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety’s Office has not been forthcoming about identifying their measures, the effectiveness of such measures, or providing responses to ANC 4D’s requests.

As part of ANC 4D’s public safety mission, ANC 4D passed the Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D in Support of Additional Violence Interrupter Resources in Ward 4 and 4D. The Resolution urges the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) to allocate additional funds to hire more violence interruption staff in Ward 4, to hire two violence interruption specialists (VIs) for ANC 4D to better service the Kennedy Street, NW corridor, and to identify an office in ANC 4D from which VIs can serve the ANC 4D community.

In January 10, 2022, Commissioners submitted a letter to Attorney General Karl Racine in support of InnerCity Collaborative CDC’s application for a Cure the Streets



Implementation Grant. Commissioners support InnerCity Collaborative's application because of the strong evidence that public health approaches to violence interruption and prevention that the organization employs have been successful in DC and nationwide. At the January 19 public meeting, ANC 4D voted to give formal Commission support to InnerCity Collaborative's grant and so notified the Attorney General on February 5, 2022. InnerCity Collaborative was awarded the grant, set up an office in Ward 4, and attended ANC 4D public meetings to report on the organization's activities.

On November 16th, 2022, Commissioner Nobil proposed a resolution regarding the Revised Criminal Code Act, echoing concerns regarding the reduction of penalties for criminal offenses committed with a firearm and the possession of an illegal firearm as contemplated in the RCCA, as expressed by the Executive office of the Mayor, the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, and Councilmember Pinto. The Commission tabled Commissioner Nobil's motion to introduce the proposed resolution.

### **Budgets and Financing**

During Fiscal Year (FY) 2022, which began on October 1, 2021 and ended on September 30, 2022, ANC 4D spent a total of **\$31,624.50** on the following items:

- **\$18,884.91** on community grants;
- **\$12,438.59** on communications, including a mailer sent to thousands of ANC 4D households regarding the Commission's 2021-22 meetings and other important information, ANC 4D's annual Zoom subscription, monthly SMD newsletters, and website-related fees;
- **\$301.00** on "Other" fees, including the \$25 2022 ANC Security Fund fee and P.O. Box fee

As of November 30, 2022, the District government still owes ANC 4D a total of **\$9,748.92** (i.e., the released FY23 Quarter 1 allotment of \$4,798.92 and previous FY22 allotments totaling \$4,950.00). These funds should be wired to ANC 4D's bank account by the beginning of Spring 2023. The District government's financial allotments to ANC 4D for the remainder of FY23, which ends on September 30, 2023, totals **\$15,314.16** (i.e., \$5,104.72 for each of FY23 Quarters 2, 3, and 4).

On October 20, 2021, ANC 4D voted unanimously to approve its budget for FY22, which authorizes expenditures, by disbursement category, for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. On October 19, 2022, ANC 4D voted unanimously to approve its budget for FY23, which authorizes expenditures, by disbursement category, for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. These budgets may be viewed at ANC 4D's website: <https://anc4d.org/index.html>.

## **Public Communications**

ANC 4D, and its individual Commissioners, have consistently communicated the business of the Commission with the more than 13,200 residents who live within the current boundaries of ANC 4D. As outlined in the “Budgets and Financing” section of this Annual Report, ANC 4D has expended a considerable amount of its budget communicating with all residents, households, and businesses located within ANC 4D. Individual Commissioners communicated with residents of their respective SMDs in various ways, including producing monthly newsletters and holding SMD meetings. Additionally, ANC 4D publicly communicated all public meetings through its listserv (700+ subscribers), its website (ANC4D.org), multiple neighborhood listservs (Petworth, Kennedy Street and Brightwood Google groups), lawn signs, and a 4D-wide mailer to every 4D resident.

## **Miscellaneous**

On November 30, 2021, Commissioner Bowser, in her individual capacity, testified before the Committee on Government Operations and Facilities Preferred Qualifications for Director of OANC. Commissioner Bowser’s remarks supported a greater focus by the new OANC Director on ensuring that District agencies and DC Council grant meaningful “great weight” to Advisory Neighborhood Commissions concerning the recommendations raised by Commission resolutions and are responsive to issues and problems identified by on-the-ground Commissioners. Commissioner Bowser also urged that the new OANC director encourage ANCs to engage all segments of the communities they are charged with representing. Finally, Bowser urged that the new OANC director make Commissioners fully aware of actual conflicts of interest or the appearance of conflicts in carrying out their duties and how to avoid actual and potential conflicts.

On January 6, 2022, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council’s Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety public hearing on the “Elections Modernization Amendment Act of 2021” (B24-507) in support of the legislation.

On January 19, 2022, ANC 4D passed Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D in Support of the Voter Ownership, Integrity, Choice, and Equity (VOICE) Amendment Act of 2021 (B24-372). This resolution called on the DC Council and its Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety to markup and pass B24-372 during calendar year 2022, which would allow for ranked choice voting to be implemented beginning in the District’s June 2024 primary election; called on the DC Council to provide the necessary funding, beginning in FY 2023, to the DC Board of Elections (DCBOE) to ensure it has the capacity to conduct a robust voter education campaign to familiarize voters with ranked choice voting in advance of the 2024 primary and general elections; urged the DCBOE to also focus its efforts on ensuring that DC residents with disabilities, as well as residents with limited access to technology and broadband Internet, are able

to fully and easily utilize the new ranked choice voting system; and called on Mayor Muriel Bowser to sign B24-372 into law (following approval by the DC Council) and work with the DCBOE to inform and educate the public regarding ranked choice voting leading up to the June 2024 primary election.

On November 18, 2021, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council's Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety in support of B24-372.

On February 8, 2022, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment at its public oversight hearing on the performance of the Department of Public Works for FYs 2021 and 2022. Commissioner Israel's testimony mainly focused on DPW's lack of customer service, accountability, and transparency with regard to the fall 2021 and winter 2022 leaf collection throughout the District.

On February 16, 2022, ANC 4D passed Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Regarding ANC 4D Redistricting. The Resolution called on the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force, the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting, and the DC Council to ensure that the newly composed ANC 4D, effective from January 2, 2023 to January 2, 2033, contain a total of eight (8) SMDs in the final Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force recommendation. These recommendations were eventually passed, by the Subcommittee on Redistricting and the DC Council. The Resolution also called on the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force, the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting, and the DC Council to ensure that the newly composed ANC 4D include all of the geographic area of the currently composed ANC 4D, in addition to the 12 census blocks located south of Missouri Avenue NW and east of Georgia Avenue NW currently located within SMD 4B05, and the nine (9) census blocks located north of Buchanan Street NW currently located within SMD 4C09, in the final Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force recommendation. These recommendations were eventually passed by the Subcommittee on Redistricting and the DC Council.

Commissioner Israel, on behalf of ANC 4D, testified in favor of these recommendations before the Ward 4 ANC Redistricting Task Force's public meeting held on March 8, 2022, and before the DC Council's Subcommittee on Redistricting public hearing on the "Advisory Neighborhood Commission Boundaries Act of 2022" (B24-700) held on April 7, 2022.

On February 16, 2022, ANC 4D passed Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Urging DCPS to Allocate FY 2023 Funding to Build a Swing Space for Truesdell Elementary in Ward 4. The resolution called on DC Public Schools (DCPS) to include the necessary funding, likely between \$5-10 million, in Mayor Muriel Bowser's proposed FY23 budget for DCPS Capital Improvements to construct or lease a new Ward 4 satellite swing space location to be utilized by Truesdell, Whittier, and LaSalle-Backus Elementary Schools over the next decade; called on DCPS to locate this new Ward 4

satellite swing space either on the grounds of Truesdell during its modernization (and, subsequently, on the grounds of Whittier and LaSalle Backus Elementary Schools) or one location within one mile of Truesdell's campus; called on DCPS to regularly communicate and engage with ANC 4D, the principal of Truesdell, and Truesdell's Family Teacher Organization (FTO) regarding any and all updates related to Truesdell's modernization and its swing space; and called on the DC Council to include the necessary funding in its *final, adopted FY23 budget for DCPS Capital Improvements to construct or lease a new Ward 4 satellite swing space location to be utilized by Truesdell, Whittier, and LaSalle-Backus Elementary Schools over the next decade in the event the funding is not included within Mayor Muriel Bowser's proposed FY23 budget.*

Commissioner Israel, on behalf of ANC 4D, testified on this issue before the DC Council's Committee of the Whole March 2, 2022 performance oversight hearing for DCPS and the March 28, 2022 budget oversight hearing for DCPS.

On February 25, 2022, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council's Committee on Housing and Executive Administration at its public oversight hearing on the performance of the Office of the City Administrator (OCA) for FYs 2021 and 2022. Commissioner Israel discussed the \$2.4 billion the District of Columbia is receiving from the federal government from the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and the Building Blocks DC (BBDC) and the Office of Gun Violence Prevention, which are both housed within the OCA.

On March 31, 2022, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council's Committee on Recreation, Libraries, and Youth Affairs at its FY23 budget oversight hearing for the Department of Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Israel requested that the Committee, the DC Council, and DPR utilize \$100,000 from DPR's proposed \$1 million FY23 budget for "Small Park Improvements" towards upgrading and renovating Reservation 312H (which is bounded by Illinois Avenue, Ingraham Street, and 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW). He also urged DPR to work collaboratively with DCPS in FY23 to explore the DPR-owned parcel located at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sheridan Streets NW as a potential swing space for Truesdell beginning in the Fall of 2023 and to utilize any *additional DPR-related budgetary resources towards this effort.*

On April 7, 2022, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council's Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety at its FY23 budget oversight hearing for the DC Board of Elections (DCBOE). Commissioner Israel requested that the following be included within the DCBOE's FY23 budget: prioritizing an update of the District's voter rolls, educational materials and outreach regarding ANC elections in November 2022, funding to educate DC residents on ranked-choice voting, and utilizing funding to provide efficient review of initiative measure/referenda signatures.

On April 20, 2022, ANC 4D passed Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Urging DCPL to Allocate Funds to Establish a Library in Brightwood Park.

The resolution urged the DC Public Library (DCPL), in its FY24 budget, to propose allocating at least \$25 million to establish a new public library located in the Brightwood Park neighborhood specifically within, or immediately adjacent to, the geographic borders of ANC 4D; urged the DC Council to include, in its final, adopted FY24 budget, at least \$25 million to establish a new public library located in the Brightwood Park neighborhood, within, or immediately adjacent to, the geographic borders of ANC 4D; urged DCPL to *begin the design phase of the new public library located in the Brightwood Park neighborhood no later than October 1, 2024 and the construction phase no later than January 1, 2027*; urged DCPL to consider incorporating other District government resources, including from the Department of Employment Services (DOES), within the new Brightwood Park public library, in addition to incorporating robust affordable and deeply affordable housing units above the new library, within the same building structure; and urged DCPL to begin its community engagement with ANC 4D and Brightwood Park residents regarding the new public library in Brightwood Park as expeditiously as possible, ideally beginning in the Fall of 2022.

Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified in support of these items at the DC Council's Committee on Recreation, Libraries, and Youth Affairs' FY23 budget oversight hearing for DCPL held on April 4, 2022.

*In May 2022, ANC 4D received feedback from residents in the community regarding the marred DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities structure erected in 2020 at 5<sup>th</sup> and Kennedy Streets, NW. The art structure was intended to bring the surrounding Petworth and Brightwood Park community together, but due to unforeseen developments the structure became a point of protest and tension. During spring 2022, ANC 4D conducted a publicized survey of ANC 4D residents to determine whether the structure should be removed or reenvisioned. By more than a 2 to 1 margin, ANC 4D residents asked for removal of the structure and the Commission notified the Commission on the Arts in early June 2022. The structure was finally removed on November 23, 2022.*

On May 18, 2022, ANC 4D passed ANC 4D Resolution Regarding the District of Columbia's Role as a Safe Haven for Reproductive Services. The resolution urges the District to guarantee access and affordability for reproductive health services in the District of Columbia to all who may seek it through Bills 24-0726 and 24-0808; urges all relevant agencies to communicate to the general public that reproductive health services are available within the District regardless of protected category; urges DC Council and the Mayor to pass legislation protecting self-management of abortions and medical practitioners' rights to offer abortions; urges DC Council and the Mayor to sign into law full Medicaid funding of abortion and other reproductive health services in the District of Columbia; urges the District to establish a fund to provide financial and logistical support to community-based organizations to provide safe travel to individuals attempting to attain reproductive health services; urges DC Council and the Mayor to pass legislation prohibiting state courts from enforcing the penalties of another state against any individual who obtained reproductive health services which are illegal in another state; and urges

DC Council and the Mayor to voice support for H.R. 3755, the Women's Health Protection Act of 2021, in order to widely and permanently codify the right to provide and access abortion services throughout the US.

On October 20, 2021 and May 18, 2022, ANC 4D also voted to update and amend its bylaws and standing rules. One of the many changes was the inclusion of language authorizing the creation of ANC 4D standing committees and internal processes regarding the introduction of resolutions by commissioners.

On July 20, 2022, ANC 4D passed ANC 4D Resolution Supporting Uptown Community Initiative's Participation in Art All Night 2022 to be held Friday, September 23, 2022. This Resolution notified District government agencies that that ANC 4D fully supported the Uptown Main Street's participation in the Art All Night 2022 event and urged relevant District agencies to approve applications for endorsements associated with participation in the event.

On September 21, 2022, ANC 4D passed Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Urging City Council to Adopt Legislation Overturning the Archaic Contributory Negligence Standard in Favor of Pure Comparative Negligence. This Resolution urges DC Council to overturn DC's contributory negligence standard in tort law that results in complete denial of relief to the complaining injured party no matter how little fault is attributed to that party in causing harm and how overwhelming the fault of the defendant party in causing the harm. The Resolution encourages DC Council to adopt a comparative negligence standard that would apportion recovery of damages based on the proportion of fault between the complaining and defending parties.

On September 21, 2022, ANC 4D passed Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Regarding the Department of Public Works' Zero Waste DC Plan Draft Framework. The resolution makes numerous recommendations to DPW regarding its Zero Waste DC Plan Draft Framework, including recommendations specific to significant waste management issues faced within the boundaries of ANC 4D and Ward 4, which should be finalized by Spring 2023.

On October 12, 2022, Commissioner Israel, in his individual capacity, testified before the DC Council's Committee of the Whole at its nomination hearing for Kent Boese to serve as Executive Director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (OANC). Commissioner Israel spoke in favor of the DC Council voting to confirm Mr. Boese in addition to how he should make the OANC function better in order to make conditions better for commissions and commissioners moving forward.

On October 19, 2022, ANC 4D passed Resolution Urging DPR to Allocate \$100,000 of its Fiscal Year 2024 Small Park Improvements Budget for Reservation 312H. The resolution urges and supported DPR formally recommending that \$100,000 of its FY24 "Small Park Improvements" budget and "spend plan" be allocated towards park improvements at Reservation 312H, which is bounded by Illinois Avenue, Ingraham Street, and 9<sup>th</sup> Street NW; and urged DPR to proactively work and correspond with the

newly elected ANC 4D and the commissioner representing Reservation 312H in the new ANC Single Member District 4D03 on all aspects of the park improvements (including planning, design, and installation) at Reservation 312H during FY24, which will last from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://resolutions.anc.dc.gov/Documents.aspx>