



Office of the Director

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A  
West End Library  
2301 L Street NW  
Washington DC 20037

RE: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A Comprehensive Plan Resolution

Dear Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners Kennedy, Goldin, Patel, Smith, Hudson, Epstein, Campbell, and Harnett:

On behalf of the Office of Planning (OP), I would like to thank you and your community for taking the time to review and provide critical feedback on the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update.

The feedback we received during the 2019-2020 Public Review period has provided OP with critical guidance from the community and reaffirmed policies not already captured during previous engagement for this Comprehensive Plan amendment.

#### Resolution Review

Responses to individual comments and recommendations within the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) resolution are outlined in the public review digest included in this response. After careful review, components of the resolution received from ANC 2A, marked as “Yes” were integrated into the Mayor’s Comprehensive Plan Update (Comp Plan). Any feedback received that supported existing Comp Plan language has been marked as “Support. No integration needed”.

During OP’s review, numerous recommendations received from ANC 2A were deemed to be sufficiently covered throughout the Comp Plan. In such cases, these components have been marked as “Acknowledged” in the public review digest. The digest provides guidance on where complementary and appropriate language exists in other Elements. In these instances, OP did not add additional language to the Comp Plan; however, where appropriate, OP has added cross referencing language.

Feedback received that was beyond the scope of the Comp Plan (i.e. operational, budgetary, or regulatory items) has been noted, marked as “No” in the public review digest, and more appropriate programs or agencies have been identified.

The Commission's resolution included: utilizing the West End/Foggy Bottom parkland space and the importance of metro station access and transportation effectiveness. The Mayor's Proposal includes updates based on the Commission's recommended changes to parkland and metro access. Following submission of the Mayor's Proposal, OP, along with our sister agencies, will continue to work towards these important priorities.

#### Next Steps

While OP made every effort to incorporate much of the feedback, in some instances OP was unable to incorporate all components of the resolution as part of this amendment. Nonetheless, all resolutions will be sent to the DC Council and have been reviewed and saved as guidance for a future Comp Plan rewrite and near-term planning efforts. I would also like to set up a time to further discuss your resolutions.

#### Background on Changes to the Comprehensive Plan

The Comp Plan is a high-level guiding document that sets an inclusive, long-term vision for the physical development of the District of Columbia. The purpose of the Comp Plan is to help guide the District's growth and change, resulting in positive outcomes for both current and future residents of the District.

The Comp Plan establishes a context and sets broad goals to inform public decision-making and future fine-grained planning efforts. It informs zoning regulations and capital budgeting. However, it does not have the force of law or regulation.

In response to the ANC Resolutions, the Comp Plan was updated when feedback was deemed consistent with the document's scope, was an omission of information, or was not otherwise referenced in the Citywide or Area Elements.

Issues, policies, and programs outside the scope of the District's physical development were not included in this revision. Additionally, the Comp Plan is not intended to provide guidance on operational, budgetary, or regulatory matters. While this feedback was not amended in the Comp Plan, it is extremely valuable to OP as we undertake neighborhood planning initiatives and to help shape the work of our sister agencies.

#### Background on Public Review

The Draft Comp Plan Update was released on October 15, 2019. A notice was published in the District of Columbia Register that announced the publication of the Plan and the commencement of the Public Review period. The Public Review period was extended in response to requests from ANCs and other community groups, providing 88 days for the public and 123 days for ANCs. The Public Review period was open to all stakeholders from October 15, 2019 through January 10, 2020. Advisory Neighborhood Commissions were given until February

14, 2020 to submit official actions. Prior to the release of the Draft Comp Plan Update, two training sessions were held for ANC commissioners on September 19 and 21, 2019. Eight community meetings were held across all eight wards during the months of November and December, and an additional two ANC work sessions were held in December 2019.

Public feedback received from October 15, 2019 to January 10, 2020 through the [plandc@dc.gov](mailto:plandc@dc.gov) email account will be packaged and sent to the DC Council. In addition, ANC Resolutions received from October 15, 2019 to February 14, 2020 through the [plandc@dc.gov](mailto:plandc@dc.gov) email account or through the [resolutions.anc.gov](http://resolutions.anc.gov) portal will also be packaged and submitted to the DC Council. The Mayor's Comprehensive Plan Update will be transmitted to the DC Council in April 2020 along with all ANC Resolutions and public feedback.

The 2019-2020 Public Review Period, along with previous engagement efforts dating back to 2016, provided OP with valuable community feedback, resulting in a consistent and inclusive Draft Comp Plan Update. Thank you for submitting an official action that represented your community and for being an active and engaged leader during this Comprehensive Plan Amendment cycle.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Trueblood

Resolution Number	Date Received	Citation/Tracking Number	Element	ANC Comment	Integrated into Comp Plan	Response
ANC 2A-1	2.14	600.2	Environmental Protection	Add under 600.2 under the critical environmental issues facing Washington, DC: "Increasing resilience to urban heat island effect."	01-Yes	The text was updated to reflect the proposed language, consistent with District policies.
ANC 2A-2	2.14	2512	Implementation	Add to section 2512.1 Monitoring and Evaluating Comprehensive Plan Implementation – "In the interests of transparency with the public on how the Plan is differentially affecting residents and to help ensure the Plan is meeting its goals around inclusivity and fulfilling commitments in the Equity Crosswalk Element, the progress report will include monitoring data, activity and impact information that is disaggregated by age, gender, race, and income level.	01-Yes	The text was updated to reflect the proposed language, consistent with District policies.
ANC 2A-3	2.14	2115.1	Near Northwest	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, with regards to 2115.10 Policy NNW- 2.5.4: West End/Foggy Bottom Parkland, ANC 2A strongly supports the inclusion of the following into the Comprehensive Plan:  Policy NNW-2.5.4: West End/Foggy Bottom Parkland Protect and improve, program activities and maximize the benefits of, all parks and open spaces in this area, including Francis Field, George Washington Circle, Juarez Circle and adjacent open space "islands," Rock Creek Park, Rock Creek Parkway, and Potomac Parkway. The publicly-owned land between M Street, Virginia Avenue, and 26th Street, and 29th Street NW, which includes both federally-owned and District-owned land, shall be retained as parkland and shall not be used for development or highways. 2115.10	01-Yes	The text was updated to reflect the proposed language, consistent with District policies.
ANC 2A-4	2.14		Near Northwest	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, with regards to 2115.10 Policy NNW- 2.5.4: West End/Foggy Bottom Parkland, ANC 2A strongly supports the inclusion of the following into the Comprehensive Plan:  NEW ACTION: West End/Foggy Bottom River, Park and Cultural Access Study Study the feasibility of reconfiguring existing transportation infrastructure in the Virginia Avenue Rock Creek corridor so as to create a pedestrian and bicycle mall / park along the Potomac River between K Street NW and the Roosevelt Bridge. The study should examine the possibilities for the creation of new memorials in the resulting park as well as for improved pedestrian and bicycle access to the Kennedy Center, National Mall, Georgetown, Rock Creek Park, and contiguous parkland and green space, while facilitating improved traffic flow and appropriate community development in the area.	01-Yes	The text was updated to reflect the proposed language, consistent with District policies.
ANC 2A-5	2.14	2115.6	Near Northwest	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in recognition of the importance of this future infrastructure investment to both the Foggy Bottom neighborhood and the District of Columbia as a whole – as well as the large amount of due diligence that has gone into laying the groundwork for the project to-date – ANC 2A strongly encourages the Office of Planning to make the following language revisions as part of its proposed amendments to the Near Northwest Element of the Comprehensive Plan (changes bold and underlined):  The area includes the Foggy Bottom/GWU Metro Station, the busiest station in the Metrorail system with only one entrance/exit and one of the busiest stations in the system overall. This station has only one entrance and elevator. A second entrance has been studied, a preferred site has been identified (at the southeast corner of 22nd Street and I Street NW), and provisions have been made with The George Washington University (the site's landowner) to ensure that future campus development would not preclude an entrance at this location. Therefore, construction of a second entrance is would be desirable and is encouraged in the future.	01-Yes	The text was updated to reflect the proposed language, consistent with District policies.
ANC 2A-6	2.14	NNW-2.5.D	Near Northwest	Restore language that is struck through at 2115.14: "Action NNW-2.5.D: Metro Station Access Support the development of an additional entry portal to the Foggy Bottom Metro station."	01-Yes	The text was updated to reflect the proposed language, consistent with District policies.
ANC 2A-7	2.14	T-1.1.A	Transportation	Policy T-1.1.A, "Transportation Measures of Effectiveness," adding language that incentivizes the District to conduct an analysis of potential impacts on underserved and low-income communities. Further, following Policy T- 1.1.A, a section that defines measures of equity in transportation would be appropriate.	01-Yes	The text was updated to reflect the proposed language, consistent with District policies.
ANC 2A-8	2.14		Transportation	WHEREAS, ANC 2A supports the Office of Planning's (OP) inclusion of language in the Transportation Element that commits the District to equity in transportation policy planning and implementation. We appreciate amendments to the 2006 plan that acknowledge the imbalanced allocation of physical space and transportation resources, which disproportionately favors personal cars over all other modes.	02-Support. No integration needed.	Thank you for your support.
ANC 2A-9	2.14	H-4.3	Housing	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports modifying Housing Element H-4.3 to meet the needs of persons in the LGBTQ+ community with specific requirements that benefit from specific supportive services as profiled in that section.	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; Current language adequately addresses housing for special groups, including the LGBTQ+ community.

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ANC 2A-10	2.14		Housing	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports Policy H-4.3.x including language for the housing of LGBTQ+ older adults. DC has the highest percentage of LGBTQ adults in the country, but critically insufficient LGBTQ-affirming older adult housing compared to other comparable cities.	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; Current language adequately addresses housing for special groups, including the LGBTQ+ community.
ANC 2A-11	2.14	100.013	Introduction	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A suggests the following additions to the Comprehensive Plan to better ensure its implementation is inclusive, accountable, and more robustly evaluated; and to encourage DC to demonstrate leadership among national and global cities in sustainable urban planning by embracing and localizing the SDG 2030 Agenda.  *Also since the last 2006 plan, the global community adopted and embraced the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015. These 17 global goals and associated 169 targets, 232 indicators comprise a 15-year agenda and roadmap for inclusive and sustainable progress and prosperity for people and planet on broad range of issues including poverty, health, education, jobs, climate, energy and the environment, transport and housing infrastructure, safety and security and inequality. The SDGs are increasingly informing and being incorporated into city-level planning and localized benchmarks across the U.S. (and around the world); including in Honolulu, HI, to Orlando, FL, Pittsburgh, PA and San Jose, CA as well as Chicago, IL, New York City, NY and Los Angeles, CA.*	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; See Environmental Protection Element and Sustainable DC 2.0.
ANC 2A-12	2.14	100.4	Introduction	In 100.4 replace "reach all of our residents" with "accessible" because the Comprehensive Plan is not only for the residents of the District of Columbia but the visitors as well.	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; Current language is sufficient. See Transportation, Economic Development, and Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Elements.
ANC 2A-13	2.14	106.2	Introduction	Add 106.2 "Track existing conditions and planning issues and changes on Open Data DC" so that the implementation and changes are accessible, public, and allow for accountability to the general public.	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; Current language is sufficient. See Implementation Element.
ANC 2A-14	2.14		Land Use	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests that any expansion of the "downtown" area, such as the one detailed in the current Comprehensive Plan, should not come at the expense of Inclusionary Zoning, NEPA regulations, or other affordable housing and environmental protections.	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; The Comp Plan is a high-level guiding document and not regulatory.
ANC 2A-15	2.14		Transportation	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports integrating OP's language from its analysis of equity into the Transportation Element, which would adopt a uniform definition of equity, and adding an explanation of why it is important to transportation planning.	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; DDOT is actively updating moveDC and will be establishing their definition of equity for Transportation.
ANC 2A-16	2.14		Transportation	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports, in Section 400.2, adding "reduce vehicle miles traveled" as a measure of success as this is a critical transportation issue that the District must address in its planning and funding mechanisms.	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; The need to reduce VMT is discussed in the Transportation Demand Management Subsection. Also, moveDC has a goal to accommodate 75% of DC work trips by modes other than single occupancy vehicles.
ANC 2A-17	2.14		Urban Design	Under create tailored streetscapes guidelines for new neighborhoods or large sites undergoing redevelopment to promote interesting pedestrian experiences and a unique and consistent design for the public realm: Add new action: Streetscape and Standards: Investigate opportunities for allowing permeable and light-colored pavement to combat climate change.	03-Acknowledged	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; The District already has LID standards and lights colored pavement specified in the DDOT Design and Engineering Manual.

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ANC 2A-18	2.14	1214.3	Near Northwest	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A opposes the elimination of campus plan enrollment caps at this time.	03-Acknowledged	Existing language is consistent with completed plans or policies/Proposed language is inconsistent with completed plans or policies; Campus Plans are conducted in coordination with the surrounding community and reviewed by the Zoning Commission. The Comp Plan is not zoning. All Zoning changes and processes related to zoning applications are issues for the OZ, ZC, and BZA.
ANC 2A-19	2.14		Community Services and Facilities	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports language in Action CSF- 2.3.D, for improving coordination and service delivery among District agencies to include the LGBTQ+ community, as there are specific healthcare and services that the LGBTQ+ community requires and can benefit from.	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; Revised Policy CSF 2.39: Improving Access to Long-Term Supports and Services for Vulnerable Populations and Action CSF 2.3.D Improving Coordination and Service Delivery among District Agencies covers this topic.
ANC 2A-20	2.14		Housing	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports language in the Community Services and Facilities section in the Housing Element, to indicate better support for youth experiencing homelessness who self-identify as LGBTQ+, which constitutes nearly half of DC's youth experiencing homelessness, including healthcare and services for LGBTQ+ patients, a group that faces disparities similarly to other populations identified as at-risk or disadvantaged.	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; Action H-4.2.D Ending Youth Homelessness includes language on support the emotional, physical and social well being of youth.
ANC 2A-21	2.14	2512	Implementation	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A suggests the following additions to the Comprehensive Plan to better ensure its implementation is inclusive, accountable, and more robustly evaluated; and to encourage DC to demonstrate leadership among national and global cities in sustainable urban planning by embracing and localizing the SDG 2030 Agenda.	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See the Environmental Protection Element and Sustainable DC 2.0.
ANC 2A-22	2.14	2512	Implementation	To further accountability and In the spirit of being an international city, the Office of Planning will also explore development of a Sustainable Development Goals 'Voluntary Local Review' (VLR) that sets localized indicators, collects data and tracks DC progress against the SDGs; VLRs were first pioneered by New York City and are now also being conducted by Pittsburgh, PA, Orlando, FL, Los Angeles, CA and nearly 20 other small-medium-large size cities worldwide.	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See the Environmental Protection Element and Sustainable DC 2.0.
ANC 2A-23	2.14	2109.10	Near Northwest	Keep 2109.10 Policy NNW 1.2.10. Sustainable Development: Encourage the use of green building practices within Near Northwest with an emphasis on green roofs. Rooftop gardens should be encouraged in new construction and major rehabilitation projects as a way to create additional green space, reduce, stormwater runoff, and provide an amenity for residents  Add to 2109.10 "and/or LEED certification" after with an emphasis on green roofs.	03-Acknowledged	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See Environmental Protection Element which provides guidance on green building practices.
ANC 2A-24	2.14		Housing	WHEREAS, supporting the LGBTQ+ Community in the Housing Element and the Community Services and Facilities Element is important to ANC 2A, and the Commission believes members of the LGBTQ+ community can have needs different than non-LGBTQ+ members, and that the Comprehensive Plan should plan for these needs moving forward.	04-No	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; Section H.3 Housing Access addresses inclusion and fair housing including gender identity, sexual orientation and other protected classes.
ANC 2A-25	2.14	811.2	Housing	BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports modifying Housing Element 8112 to include the following language, in the appropriate location in that paragraph, to ensure the proper enforcement and adherence of developers to housing production incentives: "effective regulatory oversight and enforcement is crucial to the full efficacy of this provision."	04-No	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; The Comp Plan is intended as a high-level guiding document. Enforcement is outside of the scope of Comp Plan.
ANC 2A-26	2.14	Policy: Resilience and Land Use	Land Use	Under Policy: Resilience and Land Use, add "Incorporate climate projections in Land Use" to include maps of flooding and heat maps for exposure and vulnerability.	04-No	Current language is sufficient and does not preclude regulatory action; See DOEE's Climate Ready Action Plan.

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ANC 2A-27	2.14	900.2	Urban Design	Add under 900.2 under the critical urban design issues facing the District of Columbia: "Ensuring that designs and plans are climate ready accessible."	04-No	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See Environmental Protection Element and Climate Ready DC for guidance on climate ready planning and initiatives.
ANC 2A-28	2.14	915	Urban Design	Add 915, Add new policy: Resilience Hub: Help prepare for shocks and build a more connected community.	04-No	Recommendation is sufficiently covered in another element/policy/action; See Environmental Protection Element for guidance on resiliency.