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October 12, 2022

Chairman Phil Mendelson
Committee of the Whole
Via Email Only

Re: **ANC1A TESTIMONY REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ANC**

Dear Chairman and Council Members,

As you consider the future of the Office of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, ANC 1A would like to take this opportunity to offer our full support for Kent Boese as the next Executive Director. We are confident you will find him to be a highly qualified candidate possessing all the skills and temperament needed for this challenging role.

A few of the reasons that we feel Kent Boese would make an excellent Executive Director include:

- 12 years as an ANC Commissioner, with many of these years serving in an executive committee capacity as Secretary and Chair of a Commission.
- Willingness to mentor new Commissioners within his Commission as well as with Commissioners around this city. Mr. Boese has participated in several training sessions and panels where ANCs can discuss issues and challenges to learn from one another.
- Demonstrated ability to build relationships with DC Agencies. The success of Commissions often rests with their ability to work with key agencies and boards like DDOT, BZA, ABRA, and DPW. Mr. Boese has built a network of individuals who can be called on when issues arise within these bodies to help with questions or concerns to work with Commissioners.
- Finally, he is a well-recognized leader within DC Government who has been asked to serve on prominent committees. Mr. Boese most recently served on the Council's Committee on Police Reform and the Advisory Committee to the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs. He has also served on the Redistricting Committee for Ward 1. His work in these positions is illustrative of his dedication and demonstrates his willingness to put in the effort to ensure DC government is responsive and accountable.

As we look to a better future for the Office of ANC, with Director Boese leading the way, there are some areas of centralized-support that can better assist all ANCs. We hope these will be near and mid-term goals for the Director and the Council:

- Standardized Website Development and Hosting – currently, ANCs develop and host very different websites with a mix of information, and some host no site.
- Online/Hybrid Meetings Technology – Zoom and WebEx have been a lifeline during the past two years, but not all ANCs have access to or understand the types of accounts that are available, each with different functionality. Hybrid meetings also bring a need for additional technology.
- Meeting Notice Central Register – The notice requirements of the ANC act should be updated to include a requirement for a DC Register (of sorts) for all ANCs. This central repository would

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become a go to for all residents wanting to learn more about the activities of ANCs across the city.

- New Commissioner Training for Mid-Term Replacements and Ongoing Education – Many of our newest Commissioners did not have the opportunity to receive training as those who are elected in November and seated in January. There is a need for ongoing education with regular online/in-person trainings and a repository online for commissioners to access as needed.

We look forward to working with the OANC and Council on making these improvements in the future.

With regards,



Michael Wray, ANC 1A Chair

The above letter and the testimony provided by Commissioner Wray was approved at the General Body Meeting of ANC 1A on October 12, 2022 with a quorum of Commissioners present. The motion to approve this testimony passed on a vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, and 0 Abstentions.