



To Urge the DC Council to Maintain DC's Sanctuary City Status

At a properly noticed general meeting on June 10, 2025, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 8-0-0 to support the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Washington, DC has long upheld its status as a Sanctuary City, ensuring that all residents – regardless of immigration status – are treated with dignity, protected from unjust targeting, encouraged to seek city services without fear of deportation, and ensured due process under the law.

WHEREAS, the District's policies limiting cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities reflect community priorities, promote public safety, and encourage trust between immigrant communities and government agencies.

WHEREAS, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser in the Grow DC Fiscal Year 2026 Budget proposal has, in Sec. 3052, proposed repealing Section 7 of "An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia" (D.C. Law 19-194; D.C. Official Code § 24-211.07), which would remove the requirement that city agencies refrain from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement unless a judicial warrant is present.

WHEREAS, there is ample evidence and many ongoing judicial proceedings demonstrating that people, including American citizens, have been detained and deported by federal immigration authorities in an unjust manner lacking in due process.

WHEREAS, numerous studies and law enforcement professionals affirm that sanctuary policies enhance public safety, as immigrant communities are more likely to report crimes and cooperate with investigations when they do not fear deportation

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B URGES THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO -

Reject the proposal to repeal Section 7 of "An Act To create a Department of Corrections in the District of Columbia" (D.C. Law 19-194; D.C. Official Code § 24-211.07), and

Affirm that local elected officials will do everything in their power to protect our communities and prevent violations of human and constitutional rights.