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**ANC6B Resolution On Supporting Funding In FY2021 Budget To
Address Chronic Homelessness**

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At its regular meeting on March 10, 2020, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B (ANC 6B) considered the above-referenced matter. With 10 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of 9-0-1:

Ending chronic homelessness is urgent. In 2019, over 6,000 individuals experience homelessness in DC, 608 of whom were unsheltered, 4,679 in emergency shelters and 1,688 were person experiencing chronic homelessness. In the DC area, almost 71 percent of individuals experiencing homelessness are people of color, and 76 percent of women experiencing homelessness have historical experiences of violence or threats to their safety. (The Community Partnership for The Prevention of Homelessness 2019 Point-In-Time Count)

Ending chronic homelessness is a moral imperative. The Commission believes that all residents of the district deserve access to safe, sanitary, and stable housing. We recognize the unique challenges faced by residents of encampments and agree with the District's policy to focus on cleaning outs solely on health and safety issues and not simply because of encampment presence.

A coalition of over 5,500 concerned citizens and over 100 organizations have called on Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to invest approximately \$51.5 million to address chronic homelessness through funding permanent supportive housing for 1,500 individuals and 300 families, and additional \$17.5 million to prevent 2,150 people from entering into long term homelessness by investing supportive programing such as Emergency Rental Assistance. (The Way Home FY 2021 Recommendations).

Mayor Bowser proposed FY2021 budget, which included funding for homeward DC Homeless prevention programs and a 24-hour mobile crisis outreach team. Also funding for the Housing Production Trust Fund.

RESOLVED:

That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B supports Mayor Bowser's targets and resource allocation to provide affordable housing programs across the city.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B calls on the DC Council to fund programs addressing the needs of the many homeless who may not be able to take advantage of affordable housing programs, but who nevertheless require housing supporting the needs of both families and individuals.

Please contact Commissioner Brian Ready, Chair of ANC 6B at 6b03@anc.dc.gov or by phone at (312) 371-4745 if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



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Chair, ANC 6B