

ANC 3C Resolution 2023-0XX
Old People Are Cool Recognition Resolution of 2023
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WHEREAS, Ward 3 has a high concentration of seniors, with about 17% of the Ward 3 population age 65 and over compared to about 12% District-wide;¹

WHEREAS, on March 28th, 2023, Councilmember Frumin introduced CER25-0040 “Old People Are Cool Recognition Resolution of 2023” which was Approved with Resolution Number ACR25-0039 by the Council of the District of Columbia on April 4th, 2023;²

WHEREAS, the resolution was introduced “To honor the Old People Are Cool project, led by Linked Senior and supported by Forest Hills of DC, and celebrate our District’s seniors by declaring May as “Old People Are Cool Month” in the District of Columbia”;³

WHEREAS, every May the Administration for Community Living within the US Department of Health and Human Services leads a national observance of Older Americans Month to honor the independence, integration, and inclusion of older adults throughout all aspects of life;⁴

WHEREAS, the Administration for Community Living’s theme for Older Americans Month in 2023 is Aging Unbound, which offers an opportunity to explore diverse aging experiences and discuss how communities can combat stereotypes;⁵

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that ageism currently isolates and marginalizes older adults, which hurts our communities and inhibits our collective achievement and optimal growth;

WHEREAS, the Old People Are Cool project was created to confront the harmful ageism that prevents communities from reaching their maximum potential by combating ageism and raising the profile of the senior care industry;

WHEREAS, the Old People are Cool project has the core mission to celebrate human life by acknowledging elders as people, individuals, and recipients of love, and to facilitate thoughts, words, and actions that promote a world that is loving, aging, and united;

¹ <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/61000US11003-ward-3-dc/>

² <https://lms.dccouncil.gov/Legislation/CER25-0040>

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⁴ <https://acl.gov/oam/2023/older-americans-month-2023>

⁵ <https://acl.gov/oam/2023/older-americans-month-2023>

WHEREAS, we additionally recognize the nobility of those healthcare workers who uplift and care for our elders and seek to acknowledge their dedication to this valued group within our community;

WHEREAS, the Old People Are Cool project has built a supportive, inclusive, and celebratory environment in the District through its efforts of bolstering morale and generating inclusivity of older adults through community-building events and social media-story sharing;

WHEREAS, the Department of Aging and Community Living operates Senior Wellness Centers in Wards 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 while sponsoring dispersed wellness activities for Wards 2 and 3 in libraries, recreation centers, and online through AroundTownDC;

WHEREAS, AroundTownDC, while offering quality programs, does not provide a physical gathering space for seniors;

WHEREAS, in Ward 3, the University of the District of Columbia hosts the Institute of Gerontology, the mission of which is to help preserve the independence of District of Columbia residents, and to support low-income and disabled people 60 years old and above, with high-quality and compassionate volunteer service, through Senior Companion and Respite Aide programs to enhance their quality of life through health, wellness, and fitness; to live longer and more productive lives, and to improve cognitive ability;

WHEREAS, on January 9th, 2022 through resolution “2022-CONSENT In Support of a Senior Wellness Center in Ward 3,”⁶ ANC 3C urged the Department of Aging and Community Living to fund an Options and Visioning Study (study) for a Senior Wellness Center in Ward 3 as a first step to planning for a Ward 3 Senior Wellness Center;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ANC 3C joins the Council of the District of Columbia to celebrate and recognize the Old People are Cool project during the national celebration of Older Americans Month and honors its commitment to advancing the welfare and perception of seniors in the whole of the District of Columbia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C reiterates it’s request in “2022-CONSENT In Support of a Senior Wellness Center in Ward 3,”⁷ to urge the Department of Aging and Community Living to fund an Options and Visioning Study (study) for a Senior Wellness Center in Ward 3 as a first step to planning for a Ward 3 Senior Wellness Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair and the Commissioner for 3C05, or their designees are authorized to represent the Commission regarding this resolution.

⁶ <https://anc3c.org/documents/2022-consent-in-support-of-a-senior-wellness-center-in-ward-3/>

⁷ <https://anc3c.org/documents/2022-consent-in-support-of-a-senior-wellness-center-in-ward-3/>