

**DRAFT: ANC 3C Resolution 2025-XXX:
A Resolution Condemning Federal Overreach In District of Columbia Policing and
Demanding The Immediate Return of Local Funds**

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (“ANC 3C”) represents the residents of Cleveland Park, Massachusetts Avenue Heights, Woodland-Normanstone, Woodley Park in Ward 3 in the District of Columbia, which possesses the right to local self-governance under the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973 (“Home Rule Act”); and

WHEREAS, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners take an oath of office to faithfully execute the laws of the United States and the District of Columbia, to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and to faithfully discharge the duties of their office, including safeguarding the District’s home rule authority, democratic governance, and accountability to its residents; and

WHEREAS, Section 740 of the Home Rule Act permits the President of the United States to assume control of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for up to 48 hours without notifying Congress, and for a maximum of 30 days without an enacted joint resolution of approval — authority intended only for genuine emergencies; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2025, President Donald J. Trump invoked Section 740 to federalize MPD,¹ without identifying the underlying “special conditions of an emergency nature” with sufficient specificity to determine when those conditions have ended;² and

WHEREAS, the President has deployed approximately 800 DC National Guard troops and 500 federal law enforcement agents to “address the epidemic of crime in our Nation’s capital” alongside District policing operations, and has directed the Secretary of Defense to coordinate with state governors and authorize additional members of the National Guard to active service,³ despite violent crime in the District being at a 30-year low, according to the U.S. Department of Justice;⁴ and

¹ “Executive Order 14333 of August 11, 2025, Declaring a Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia,” Federal Register 90, no. 155 (August 14, 2025): 39301, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2025-08-14/pdf/2025-15550.pdf>.

² cf. Complaint, District of Columbia v. Donald J. Trump, et al., No. 1:25-cv-02678, (D.DC).

³ U.S. President, Memorandum, “Restoring Law and Order in the District of Columbia,” August 11, 2025, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/08/restoring-law-and-order-in-the-district-of-columbia>.

⁴ U.S. Department of Justice, “Violent Crime in DC Hits 30 Year Low,” January 3, 2025, <https://www.justice.gov/usao-dc/pr/violent-crime-dc-hits-30-year-low>.

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, the President stated his intent to seek long-term extensions from Congress to the federalization of MPD, and declined to rule out the possibility of declaring a national emergency to bypass Congressional approval;⁵ and

WHEREAS, this federal intervention blatantly undermines local reforms, disrupts critical community policing relationships, erodes trust in local law enforcement, and risks replacing data-driven strategies with politically motivated interventions; and

WHEREAS, the presence of armed National Guardsmen within the District raises serious concerns regarding the potential for escalation and the increased risk to residents, visitors, and peaceful demonstrators;

WHEREAS, cooperation or information-sharing between District agencies, including but not limited to DCPS, DMV, and medical facilities, and federal immigration enforcement undermines public trust, discourages residents from seeking essential services, and poses a threat to public safety;

WHEREAS, arresting or forcibly removing unhoused residents without a transparent, adequately funded plan for care, shelter, and supportive services fails to address root causes of homelessness and endangers vulnerable individuals;

WHEREAS, the invocation of public safety is nothing more than a political smokescreen for an authoritarian intrusion into the District's local governance, designed to distract from the real aim of stripping residents of our right to self-determination and tightening federal control over our city; and

WHEREAS, Congress has withheld over \$1 billion in locally raised funds from the District, forcing the city to revert to its fiscal year 2024 spending levels, thus jeopardizing public safety, education, health care, and other essential public services;

WHEREAS, ANC 3C is home to some of Washington's most cherished landmarks, including the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, Washington National Cathedral as well as home to 21 embassies and consulates which welcome hundreds of thousands of visitors each year from around the world. People of all ages, colors, creeds, and walks of life gather here to learn and explore, and they should be able to do so without fear, whether that means fear of being detained, questioned, or treated unfairly;

⁵ "President Trump Visits the Kennedy Center," C-SPAN, August 13, 2025, <https://www.c-span.org/program/white-house-event/president-trump-visits-the-kennedy-center/664174>.

WHEREAS, the ANC 3C community reflects the diversity, openness, and vitality that make DC a truly global city, and is home to many individuals and families serving on diplomatic missions. We welcome people of all backgrounds and walks of life who live, work, and contribute to the fabric of our neighborhood;

WHEREAS, ANC 3C stands united in support of defending Home Rule. ANC 3C believes that the Mayor, the DC Council, the Attorney General, and our fellow Commissioners should be doing everything possible to stand up for the rights of DC residents as it is critical to preserving our autonomy, protecting our democracy, and ensuring that our public safety policies reflect the will of the people who live here;

WHEREAS, ANC 3C believes decisions about public safety are best made by DC residents, through their elected representatives, who are accountable to the communities they serve. Maintaining local oversight of MPD ensures that public safety strategies remain effective, responsive, and aligned with the values of our neighborhoods and visitors to the District of Columbia.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C condemns the federal takeover of the District of Columbia's Metropolitan Police Department and the deployment of federally directed police and National Guard units for purposes unrelated to an actual emergency, and demands their immediate removal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission:

1. Urges Congress to reject any joint resolution extending the federal control of MPD beyond 30 days and to pass legislation, including the DC National Guard Home Rule Act, to eliminate federal control over local police and to strengthen DC self-governance;
2. Implores Congress to immediately restore the \$1 billion in locally raised funds to the District's budget so that local leadership can ensure that investments prioritize community needs, including education, workforce development, health care, and other critical services that allow families and neighborhoods to thrive;
3. Supports legal challenges by the District government, advocacy organizations, and residents contesting that the statutory emergency threshold under Section 740 has been lawfully met; and
4. Demands full public transparency from the White House, the U.S. Department of Justice, MPD leadership, and the heads of all federal agencies whose officers are deployed in the District regarding the mission, rules of engagement, officer

identifiability, arrest criteria, geographic scope, and anticipated duration of the federal control order.

5. Request that the Mayor, the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) collaborate with the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to integrate their systems and facilitate the issuance of REAL ID-compliant DC Identification Cards to DCPS students. While DCPS currently provides students with "DC One Cards," these cards are not recognized at federal checkpoints as they are not a valid "government issued ID card," potentially creating barriers posing safety concerns for students.
6. Urges the District Government to ensure that National Guard operations in the city are conducted with the utmost restraint and transparency to safeguard residents' rights and safety.
7. Opposes any cooperation or information-sharing between District agencies and federal immigration enforcement authorities, including but not limited to DCPS, DMV, and medical institutions, as such practices endanger community trust and public safety, notwithstanding cooperation in cases involving a valid judicial removal order for individuals convicted of violent crimes.
8. Calls on the District to prioritize compassionate, service-based solutions for unhoused residents, including robust care and shelter resources, and to cease arrests absent such measures.
9. Condemns Mayor Bowser's recent statement that "we greatly appreciate the surge of officers", and demands she retract her August 27 statement that "after 30 days, I think we're going to have officers, and we want officers. We want to enhance our officer presence", as these comments do not reflect the views of the vast majority of District residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Commission authorizes the Chair and the Commissioner for 3C02 and/or their approved designees represent the Commission on this matter.