

Dear Councilmembers,

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on 4/5/2023, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C voted 6-0-0 to send this letter regarding the Commission's priorities for the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the District of Columbia.

While there are many important issues in DC and ANC 1C specifically which deserve budget prioritization, we want to focus on three key areas of interest: public safety, small business retention, and neighborhood beautification.

Please find below Fiscal Year 2024 budget requests that are of particular concern to ANC 1C:

**Public safety**

- Fund expanded housing and mental health services for survivors of domestic violence, as well as primary prevention services to reduce the likelihood of future domestic violence.
- Allocate funding for the installation of speed tables along Columbia Road's crosswalks
- Continue to expand the budget for the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement for both prevention services and services to victims of violent crime.
- Ensure sufficient funding for the Safe Passage program to continue the expansion of infrastructure investments which will improve pedestrian and cyclist safety for children and their caretakers on routes to and from DCPS and DCPCS locations.
- Fully fund the Vision Zero program to increase staffing and reduce traffic deaths.
- Allocate funding for the Pathways to Behavioral Health Degrees Act of 2023 to support expansion of DC's social work and counseling workforce.
- Allocate funding for the study and implementation of traffic safety improvements at the intersection of 18<sup>th</sup> St NW, Florida Ave NW, and V St NW.

**Small business retention**

- Establish recurring funding for the creation and maintenance of a pedestrian- and local commerce-oriented zone on 18<sup>th</sup> St NW; this is also a matter of public safety.
- Improve funding for business literacy and best practices training targeted at first-time and minority business owners.
- Allocate funding to improve grant opportunities to support longtime local businesses at risk of ending operations.
- Ensure sufficient funding to support Workplace Grants aimed at informing laborers in DC of their protections.
- Fund efforts to support streetery infrastructure needs and improvements in order to make outdoor dining and patronage a more permanent part of DC's neighborhoods.

**Neighborhood beautification**

- Expand funding for Zero Waste composting support to be more available in residential areas.

- Allocate funding for erosion prevention measures to be implemented along the periphery of Kalorama Park.
- Allocate funding for the repaving or resurfacing of sports facilities in Walter Pierce Park, including but not limited to the basketball court.
- Allocate additional funding to complement unused funds currently designated for capital improvements to Ann Hargrove Park, including but not limited to bench replacements and water fountain repairs.
- Allocate funding for Adams Morgan Vision Framework implementation to create community space at the northeast corner of Columbia Road and 18th Street NW.

We believe that ensuring these investments are reflected in the FY2024 budget will further contribute to improving the lives of DC residents in ANC 1C and throughout the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,