



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mayor Muriel Bowser  
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### RE: The Mayor's Proposed FY25 Budget

Dear Mayor Muriel Bowser,

On April 1st, 2024 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E has urged you to include the below priorities in the final draft of the FY 2025 budget. ANC 2E recognizes that FY 2025 budget will mean significant reductions in many areas as COVID federal support ends. Thus, each of our requests both have tangible residential benefits and support your goals related to ***public safety, parks and recreation centers, unhoused, education, and transportation***. Moreover, as we highlight below, these priorities directly align with:

- Budget requests already [sent to you](#) by Councilmember Pinto.
- Existing capital improvement commitments made to our community.
- City-wide efforts to address public safety, and transportation safety.

### **Public Safety**

The following requests outlined in Councilmember Pinto's budget are of high priority to our community:

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Joe Massaua, District 4    Mimsy Lindner, District 5    Gwendolyn Lohse, District 6  
Daniel Chao, District 7    John DiPierri, District 8

- **Enhancing Officer Hiring and Retention at Metropolitan Police Department (MPD):** Resident expectations are that retention includes a focus on robust MPD officer training, while hiring includes the Mayor’s goals to reach pre-pandemic MPD staffing levels.
- **Funding of Secure DC:** The bill includes several initiatives that speak to our residents’ concerns on accountability for crime, safe commercial corridors, ending cycles of violence and promoting government oversight among other things.

The following city-wide efforts are of high priority to our community:

- **More Public Lighting:** Earmark funds to install new lighting infrastructure that is requested in residential areas where dark spots exist.
- **Maintaining the Mayor’s Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC):** ANC 2E has multiple parks that are either mixed city-Federal land, or fully Federal: Montrose Park, the C&O Canal, Rose Park, and Waterfront Park. Experience clearly demonstrates that coordination with the U.S. Park Police, who are understaffed, and the city’s MPD is essential to public safety in Georgetown. ANC 2E asks that our city’s Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) that have safety officers, such as the Georgetown BID, be updated by the RTCC as needed.

**Parks and Recreation**

It is essential to our community that the funding for the capital improvement commitments made to, and actively underway in our community, continue including:

- **Renovation of Jelleff Recreation Center**
- **Volta Park Baseball Field restoration**
- **Ellington Field: Track and Field Houses restoration and renovation**
- **Book Hill and Triangle Park**
- Note: ANC 2E also wants to verify that the funding earmarked for the **Trolley Trestle** restoration planning analysis in Ward 3 has been maintained.

In addition to long-awaited capital improvements noted above, our community urges that the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has ample funding - and capacity - to conduct essential safety-driven maintenance as well as small renovations that will greatly enhance residential use. The safety and obvious maintenance issues have been shared with DPR by ANC 2E via numerous formal written and verbal communications; DPR has yet to address them.

- **Maintenance and Enhancement to Volta Park including:** filling in of a dangerous sink hole; and thereafter resurfacing key areas, making playground improvements, plus adding staffing for longer summer pool, more shaded areas around the pool and building of a tennis blackboard. (\$200,000)
- **Maintenance of Rose Park including:** fixing a broken irrigation system left undone by a DPR contractor paid by DPR that has resulted in a dangerous hole on the field plus an unlevel field due to water damage; and thereafter, replacement of

benches damaged by a DPR contractor and completion of brick path, again, left undone by a DPR contractor who was paid. (\$150,000)

### **Unhoused**

The following requests outlined in Councilmember Pinto's budget are of high priority to our community:

- **Promptly Move Unhoused Residents into Housing by Ensuring Adequate Staffing at DHS:** ANC 2E agrees with Councilmember Pinto that it is incumbent on the District to move voucher recipients into housing as quickly as possible by expediting the case management assignment process for voucher recipients and clearing the backlog of residents who are matched with a voucher but remain unhoused.

### **Education**

All of the Education requests outlined in Councilmember Pinto's budget are of high priority to our community, especially her requests to:

- **Support Student Literacy:** Fund the Early Literacy Education Task Force Recommendations  
**Reading.**
- **Maintain Equal Purchasing Power & Honor Capital Improvements:** including auditorium redesign, new locker installation, and cafeteria design and construction at Hardy Middle.
- **Increase Student Attendance by Expanding Home Visits between Educators and Families.**
- **Provide Safe Transportation for Students to School and Out of School Time Activities:** It is essential that this issue be addressed – our children are not safe when leaving and arriving at our schools. Just last week, a Hardy Middle School student was hit by a car at 34<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin Ave NW – our city must prioritize our children's safety.

We also support Councilmember Frumin's guiding principle that we Invest in District Youth, especially his request to:

- **Ensure public school budgets are sufficient, consistent, and equitable.**
- **Fully fund the renovation of the MacArthur Avenue High School.**

### **Transportation**

The following Transportation requests outlined in Councilmember Pinto's budget are of high priority to our community:

- **Enhance Funding to WMATA to Prevent Service Reductions and Fare Increases that Would Be Devastating for District Residents, Workers, and Businesses.**

- **Increase Parking Enforcement District-Wide and Ensure Equitable Enforcement in Georgetown.** ANC 2E has commented numerous times on the challenges of illegal parking to our community.

ANC 2E also urges the city to greatly reduce the **Brick Sidewalk Maintenance Turnaround Time**. *The current turnaround time of 270+ days, which is frequently not even met, is unacceptable, especially given the city is pushing to have more people and alternative modes of transportation on our sidewalks.* Resources and a visible accountability program must be put in place to reduce the turnaround time and accurately track when 311 requests were initially made; ideally proactive inspection will occur given the number of injuries occurring that result in lawsuits against the city. Outsourcing options to local BIDs should be considered should the BID have the necessary appropriate staff and knowledgebase. (\$800k for staff and tracking)

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Respectfully submitted,



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