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ANC 3C Resolution 2025-CONSENT
Resolution Calling for Full and Timely Implementation of Initiative 83

WHEREAS, In the general election of November 5, 2024, the voters of the District of Columbia considered Initiative Measure No. 83, the “Ranked Choice Voting and Open the Primary Elections to Independent Voters Act of 2024”; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 83 proposed:

- (a) the use of ranked-choice voting for all elections, except for political party offices, in which there are three or more candidates, and
- (b) allowing a voter with no party affiliation to vote in the primary election of their choosing, except for political party offices; and

WHEREAS, The voters approved Initiative 83 by a vote of 72.89% in favor citywide, as certified by the Board of Elections, with a supermajority (over two-thirds) of voters in all eight wards of the District and a majority (over one-half) of voters in all 144 precincts of the District; and

WHEREAS, Implementation of the Initiative relies upon an appropriation from the Council of the District of Columbia to fund certain operations of the Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Impact Statement prepared by the District’s Chief Financial Officer estimates a total implementation budget of approximately \$1.45 million over four years, the majority of which will fund outreach and educational efforts by the Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, Early and thorough educational efforts are essential to ensure a successful first election under the Initiative’s new electoral rules; and

WHEREAS, The text of the Initiative, as approved by the voters, called for its implementation “beginning with the June 2026 primary election and for all subsequent elections thereafter”; and

WHEREAS, Providing implementation funding to the Board of Elections in the budget for Fiscal Year 2026 would allow the Board to begin outreach and education starting on October 1, 2025, a full eight months before the June 2026 primary; and

WHEREAS, At this moment, the people of the District of Columbia are rightly alarmed about the future of Home Rule, our vital Rifty-year experiment in self- government; and

WHEREAS, Championing the people’s voice, as expressed through the initiative process granted by the Home Rule Charter, is a necessary duty of the public officials elected under that same Charter; and

WHEREAS, The power of initiative only exists in around one-half of U.S. states, and where it does exist, politicians have been attempting to obstruct the people’s access to the initiative process or to reverse the

effect of initiatives passed by popular vote, two types of anti-democratic practice that have no place in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, The people of the District of Columbia treasure the power of initiative as an instance of direct democracy, amid so many deprivations of their rights as American citizens and taxpayers, and the people of the District of Columbia expect their elected leaders to defend that power; therefore now be it

RESOLVED, That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C (ANC 3C) calls upon the Mayor of the District of Columbia to include full funding for the implementation of Initiative 83 in her budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and be it

RESOLVED, That ANC 3C calls upon the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia and the Chair of the Council's Committee on Executive Administration and Labor to include full funding for implementation in their markup of the budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and be it

RESOLVED, That ANC 3C calls upon the Council of the District of Columbia to approve said funding without delay or diminution; and be it

RESOLVED, That ANC 3C finds that properly funding the Board of Elections is the only responsible course of action in an environment of heightened sensitivity around election security, and will protect the operations and integrity of the Board; and be it

RESOLVED, That ANC 3C affirms the District of Columbia's right of self-government as embodied in the Home Rule Charter, and calls upon public officials to defend the Charter and the District's democracy, albeit incomplete, from all attempts to constrain or undermine them.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission authorizes the Chair and the Commissioner for 3C02 to represent the Commission on this matter.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janell Pagats', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Janell Pagats
Chair, on February 18, 2025

This resolution was approved by voice vote on February 18, 2025, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.