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ANC 3C Resolution 2025-CONSENT
Ensure Sufficient Funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

WHEREAS housing affordability is critical for the District of Columbia to be a thriving city;

WHEREAS nearly half of renters in the district are cost burdened (that is spending more than 30% of their income on rent) and over 50,000 DC households have extremely low incomes and spend more than half their income on housing;

WHEREAS homelessness in DC has increased 12% since 2023 and in that same time, family homelessness has increased by 39%;

WHEREAS housing eviction and displacement creates a cascade of avoidable negative impacts on families including employment, healthcare, school, and transportation upheaval, physical and mental trauma, and often unsurmountable legal and logistical barriers to personal financial recovery;

WHEREAS the only program that DC has in place to prevent the eviction and displacement a of households behind on their rent is the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) which has been chronically underfunded;

WHEREAS there is a demonstrated need for a larger emergency rental assistance program. In the last quarterly assistance application cycle, funding for eligible renters ran out within hours of the portal opening;

WHEREAS Department of Human Services reported receiving 15,564 applications in the first 8 months of FY24 alone. At an average ERAP request of \$6,028, meeting all of just this need alone would require \$93 million dollars;

WHEREAS the proposed RENTAL Act legislation will exacerbate homelessness in the district by shrinking ERAP from \$26 million to just \$5 million, a funding level that would meet less than 5% of demonstrated need for emergency rental assistance;

WHEREAS funding ERAP with \$100 million dollars is a level of investment which would sustain over 16,000 households with housing stabilization and/or eviction prevention, approximately equal to the demonstrated eight-month need from households in 2024 given the average ERAP payment during the most recent quarter of FY25.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C calls upon the Council of the District of Columbia to vote NO on the RENTAL Act, and fund the Department of Human Services (DHS) with at least \$100 million dollars alongside other housing and service investments that would decrease the need for these emergency funds on an ongoing basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC3C designates Commissioner Jay Bose, ANC 3C06, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Consistent with DC Code, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

Attested by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janell Pagats", written in a cursive style.

Janell Pagats
Chair, on July 21, 2025

This resolution was approved by voice vote on July 21, 2025, at a scheduled and noticed public meeting of ANC 3C at which a quorum (a minimum of 5 of 8 commissioners) was present.