



# 1A ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1A

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## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION AND FULL FUNDING OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT ACHIEVES RESULTS (NEAR) ACT IN FISCAL YEAR 2019

**Whereas**, the Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results (NEAR) Act passed the DC Council unanimously in March 2016 and has been fully-funded in the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget;

**Whereas**, the Act codified a number of comprehensive approaches to preventing violence before it occurs that are evidence-based, community-focused, and proven to reduce violence in other jurisdictions when fully and faithfully implemented;

**Whereas**, the Act created two offices--the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) and the Office of Violence Prevention and Health Equity (OVPHE)--and established a range of new statistical measures to collect and report publicly;

**Whereas**, residents, businesses, community leaders and members of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A recognize the need for increased and focused resources to address longstanding crime, public health, and public nuisance issues that affect the lives of all community members; and

**Whereas**, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A supports the goals of the NEAR Act to address the underlying causes of violence and to identify individuals at the greatest risk of committing or being the victims of violence, and to provide intensive wraparound services to prevent violence, including supporting those at-risk community members while they transition to job and educational opportunities; and

**Whereas**, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A cares deeply about ensuring that all elements of the NEAR Act are fully and faithfully implemented as promised throughout the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019 including a sufficient number of staff, community violence interrupters, an effective job training program, and comprehensive statistical measurement systems to track and report the progress and outcomes of the Act's programs and police activities.

**Therefore**, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A urges:

- The Council and the Mayor to commit to providing sufficient attention, staff, oversight and resources to effectively accomplish all elements of the NEAR Act in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, to make DC an example for a better approach to public safety; and
- The Mayor, Department of Behavioral Health, and the MPD commit to immediately implementing the Community Crime Prevention Team Pilot Program and the creation of "at least

five teams comprised of mental health clinicians, outreach specialists, and MPD officers” to identify and serve individuals who present signs of mental illness or substance abuse, which Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A recognizes as an acute challenge in our community; and

- The Mayor, relevant Deputy Mayors, the Chief of Police, and the Directors of the ONSE, OVPHE, Department of Health, Department of Behavioral Health, Department of Human Services, Department of Employment Services, Department of Parks and Recreation, and any other relevant individuals or government offices to commit to regularly and transparently reporting to the public on the progress and outcomes of NEAR Act provisions to ensure proper oversight.

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT:** The Chair of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A, or any member of the Executive Committee or designee in their absence, shall be authorized to communicate this resolution to the members of the Council of the District of Columbia and all governmental agencies.

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Certification:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 8 present at its March 14, 2018, meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1A voted, with 8 Yeas, 0 Nos and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.



Kent C. Boese  
Chairperson, ANC 1A



Zach Rybarczyk  
Secretary, ANC 1A