



Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

RESOLUTION #4B-23-0104

**Calling on the Executive to Fully Implement the
Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Act of 2016
Adopted January 23, 2023**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B takes note of the following:

- The Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Act (the NEAR Act) was signed into law on June 30, 2016, following unanimous approval by the DC Council on March 26, 2016.
- The NEAR Act calls for wholistic approaches to proactive crime prevention, the creation of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) and Office of Violence Prevention and Health Equity (OVPHE), and the collection and dissemination of important statistics regarding community and police violence.
- A June 7, 2022 report by the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, *NEAR Act Violence Prevention and Interruption Efforts: Opportunities to Strengthen New Program Models*, found – and a WJLA ABC 7 September 22, 2022 [article](#) reported – that several provisions of the NEAR Act have not been fully funded and implemented.
- The audit found that the OVPHE within DC Health has not been established, nor have police officer-clinician teams been created to respond to behavioral health crises.
- While ONSE has been established, the audit found that the Office is not collecting the data required under the NEAR Act to show the impact of violence interrupters in detecting and mitigating conflicts.
- Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B previously adopted [Resolution 4B-20-0605](#), Calling for Divestment of Local Police Funding and Reinvestment in Community-Based Supports and Services (June 2020), noting previous failures to fund portions of the NEAR Act and emphasizing the importance of investments in community-based supports and services.

- The community continues to experience incidents of extreme violence as recently exemplified by the homicide under investigation that occurred on January 3, 2022, on the 6200 block of Georgia Avenue, Northwest.

RESOLVED:

- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B calls on the Executive to fully implement all of the recommendations identified in the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor's report, *NEAR Act Violence Prevention and Interruption Efforts: Opportunities to Strengthen New Program Models*, as soon as possible but not later than the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2023.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson, ANC 4B06, and Commissioner Kevin Gilligan, ANC 4B05 to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

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That, in the event the designated representative Commissioners 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.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, consistent with DC Code § 1-309, 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 in any way associated with the Commission.

ADOPTED by voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of ten members was present) on January 23, 2023, by a vote of 10 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.