

Charter 738 News*

**Did you know ANC's were created in Section 738 of the DC Charter?*

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Welcome New Commissioners! (since November 2021)

CARLO PERRI - 1A03
ALAN KENSEK - 1B05
HOWARD BAULEKE - 1C01
DEB FELSETHAL - 1C05
JACOB FALESCHINI - 1C07
JEFFREY RUECKGAUER - 2B02
CIMRUN SRIVASTAVA - 2E04
ARNAV KUMAR - 2E08
MAXIME DEVILLIERS - 2F06
SABR E. HORNE - 3D05
ALEXANDRA GIANINNO - 3E05
CHAS CADWELL - 3G07
ALEX ROJAS - 5A04
TEQUIA HICKS DELGADO - 5C03
HARRY THOMAS JR - 5C06
MARJORIE LIGHTMAN - 6D01

Virtual Meetings Extended

The legal authority permitting Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to host virtual meetings has been extended through November 19, 2022. The DC Council passed the "Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Pandemic Provisions Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2022" which was enacted on April 8, 2022, and will be in effect for 225 days. This extension gives ANC's additional time to determine how to proceed with monthly meetings going forward.

Currently, in-person and hybrid meetings are both optional and have been for several months. Each ANC has the discretion to determine whether to return to in-person meetings, remain totally virtual, or conduct a hybrid meeting.

The OANC will keep Commissions updated as the Council debates the logistics for future ANC meetings.

We're Hiring!!

The OANC is looking to hire an Information Technology Specialist. Check out the Job Description at <https://dccouncil.us/jobs-solicitations/information-technology-specialist/>

Remember to File Your Public Financial Disclosure with the Office of Government and Ethics!

ANC's are required to complete Public Financial Disclosure Certifications (PFDC) pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.24(a)(3)(A).

If you are unable to file by the May 16 deadline, you must request an extension of the filing deadline on or before that date by email. The link can be found at <https://bega.dc.gov/service/financial-disclosure-statements>.





OAG Corner

Do You Know Your Boundaries?

No...not the re-districted boundaries currently under review before the DC City Council. Do you know your boundaries as they pertain to your position as a Commissioner in a SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT (SMD)?

The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) recently responded to a request for an opinion by the OANC as to whether an SMD Commissioner may prohibit another SMD Commissioner from “speaking with business [persons] or holding events in that SMD...without consulting with or involving that other [SMD] Commissioner.” The OAG opined that “[n]o such prohibition exists” because “[a]lthough each Commissioner elected from [an SMD] can fairly be described as a representative of that [SMD], nothing in the ANC Act, or any other District law, gives an [SMD] Commissioner any control over activities that take place within that Commissioner’s [SMD].”

“It’s Election Time! Will You Endorse My Candidacy?”

When your friend or colleague looks to you, a Commissioner, to endorse his or her candidacy for public office, consider that there may be limitations on your ability to do so. The OAG opines that Commissioners are limited by three (3) District laws - ANC, Office of Campaign Finance and Office of Government Ethics laws - from endorsing any candidate for public office because, among other things, “District resources” may not be used “to endorse someone for public office.” District resources include, but are not limited to, your position or title. So, before you say “Yes, I will endorse you!” Think thrice – 3 DC laws to consider.

The Public Emergency Grant- Making Period ENDs May 5, 2022

ANCs are advised that the ability to approve grants to organizations for the purpose of providing humanitarian relief, including food or supplies, during a public emergency, as declared by the Mayor pursuant to DC Official Code [§ 7-2304](#), or otherwise assisting in the response to a public emergency anywhere in the District, even if those services are duplicative of services performed by the District government ends on May 5, 2022.

Parking Adjudication for ANC Commissioners

If you receive a parking ticket while on official ANC business, you must:

First, take a picture that includes a clear image of your car, the ANC parking placard, and the ticket.

Second, take a picture of the signage near your car, and if possible, include the car in the picture in proximity to the signage.

Finally, use one of the DMV processes to adjudicate the ticket. Include the pictures that we suggested and include a statement explaining the purpose of the official business.

ANC Photo ID Badges

Commissioners, please check the expiration date on your District Identification Badge. If your badge has an expiration date before January 2, 2023, send a message to OANCS@dc.gov with the expiration date on your badge. We will request a replacement and notify you when it's ready. You may pick up your replacement from the OANC office or we will mail it to you.



***Managing Stress and Self Care
Tips Training
Thursday, May 5, 2022
2:30 pm – 4 pm.***

The OANC, in conjunction with the Department of Behavioral Health and Howard University, is hosting a training for Commissioners on how to manage stress and wellness.

The focus of the of the presentation is to help individuals understand the impact of stress on their health and to provide strategies to combat stress through self-care.

Webex Meeting Invite

Meeting link:

<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=m7409ab0c586d3fbff3524280130032d0>

Meeting number:

2310 475 9058

Password:

u6JJXEAUN32

Host key:

861219

Join by video system

Dial 23104759058@dcnet.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join by phone

+1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)

1-650-479-3208 Call-in number (US/Canada)

Access code: 2310 475 9058

Host PIN: 9700

And Check Out The Revamped OANC Webpage!

Details for the OANC Technical and Expert Assistance Funds can be found at

<https://anc.dc.gov/page/oanc-assistance-funds>

OANC Trainings are On-Demand! BEGA's FOIA for ANCs, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su_WHx-luL0 and the OAG's Zoning 101, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caO2X3OVdDs>, are on our YouTube channel

Information about the upcoming November 2022 Election can be found at <https://anc.dc.gov/page/anc-elections>

Click on the link to the OAG's ANC Legal Opinions, <https://oag.dc.gov/about-oag/laws-and-legal-opinions/legal-advice-ancs>