

Charter 738 News*

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

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End of Fiscal Year Financial Preparation

The OANC is preparing for the end of the fiscal year (September 30), in addition to the 2023 new Commission term, and the launch of a new QFR software.

As such, we must impose a hard deadline for ANC's to comply with end-of-the year financial closing activities. The OANC has provided notice to those ANC's with outstanding matters of the deadline to comply or risk the forfeiture of allotments. ANC's that have submitted the FY22 Q3 QFR (the report that releases the Q1 FY23 allotment), the OANC will begin reviewing those reports after October 1, 2022.

FY23 Budget Update: The OANC understands that many of you wish to move forward into the next term with budgets and plans for new projects which, incidentally, are based upon the amounts of the ANC allocations. If the ANC would like to move forward with preparing a budget for FY23, use the FY22 allocation. In the event the allocation should change, the OANC will let you know at that time.



Kathy's Korner

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As we near the end of 2022, many Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC's) are dutifully exploring and vetting worthy organizations to grant funds for services and events each for, among other things, a "public purpose." Remember that DC Official Code Section 1-309.13(l) defines "[a] public purpose [to be] a purpose that benefits the community as a whole and is not done for the primary purpose of benefitting a private entity." The interpretation of this language has kept our Office of the Attorney General (OAG) busy with defining and clarifying same in several opinions.

The OAG recently issued two (2) opinions on this subject. On August 4, 2022, the OAG opined on the use of grants to provide off-duty officers of the DC Metropolitan Police Department as security at an event. On August 19, 2022, the OAG opined on the possibility of the use of grants to fund an abortion fund.

Please review these opinions at:

<https://oag.dc.gov/about-oag/laws-and-legal-opinions/legal-advice-ancs>

Good News! The OAG Legal Counsel Division has established a new email address where you may direct your advice requests: oag.anc@dc.gov (see <https://oag.dc.gov/about-oag/laws-legal-opinions>)

Our OAG liaison and contact, Assistant Attorney General Joshua A. Turner has access to that account. Thus, he can respond to those requests. Do not hesitate to use the OAG Advice Line.

Upcoming Trainings!!



Zoning Case 22-25, Proposed Changes to ANC Procedural Rules for ZC and BZA Cases

Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 7 pm

The OANC and the Office of the Attorney General's Equitable Land Use Section will be discussing the Office of Planning/Office of Zoning's proposed amendment to the Zoning Regulations ([Z.C. Case No. 22-25](#)) which would amend the procedural rules for the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Adjustment. This amendment will impact issues such as application requirements, public notice and public participation in zoning cases and is therefore of interest to all ANCs and the public at large.

OAG will be providing an overview of the changes proposed by the amendment, explaining the text amendment process and how to effectively participate, and soliciting feedback from the ANCs as to what additional changes are needed to make the regulations more usable and equitable for District residents. There will also be a dedicated Q&A period for ANCs to ask questions of OAG.

ANCs are encouraged to reach out to OAG in advance of the September 7th meeting to raise any specific questions or concerns that they have or to propose specific topics for OAG to cover.

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Conflict Resolution Training

Thursday, September 29, 2022, at 7 pm

This two-hour training will provide an overview of tools and skills useful when dealing with conflict while introducing scenario practices addressing conflict situations that we find in our work and our lives.

This training includes modules introducing nonviolent communication techniques, empathetic listening skills, self-regulating tools, and strategies for negotiating under the influence of power. By using a simple framework and foundational tools, most conflicting situations can be resolved if the parties involved are invested in a resolution.

Conflict can then be considered an opportunity for healing and growth of not only the affected relationship but also the individuals involved and the impacted systems, strengthening the bonds between and within them, expanding understanding and perspective, and encouraging us to grow stronger, together.

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Implicit Bias Training

October 20, 2022, at 2 pm

In this 2½ hour training, attendees will learn to distinguish overt bias, covert bias, and institutional bias using illustrations of racism and sexism in public life. Topics under discussion will include tools to navigate decision-making in diverse Commissions, understanding conflicting goals

people of different races and genders bring to interactions, addressing "oops" and "ouch" moments, and how to go from being a bystander to being an upstander for others.

The workshop will be facilitated by Howard Professor and former ANC Jamie Barden, and Restorative Circle Keeper and Paradigm Shift LLC lead Terrence Winston.

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