Charter 738 News*

*Did you know ANCs were created in Section 738 of the DC Charter?

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Welcome New Commissioners! (since April 2022)

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2023 ANC and SMD Boundaries

The boundaries of the of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) and Single-member Districts (SMDs) of the District of Columbia are updated every ten years, based on the results of the latest decennial census.

These new ANC and SMD boundaries will take effect on January 1, 2023. To see if your ANC and SMD boundary has changed, check out the new 2023 Locate My ANC and SMD at <u>https://arcg.is/1PrKXG</u>.

Did You Know the OANC has a YouTube Channel? https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQxarD5HuI3Vm1nhiMGWQTQ Check out the new format for New Commissioner Training. Email Us What You Think at oancs@dc.gov

ANCs, Beware of Bank Fraud on your Bank Account!!

The OANC is aware that there is an uptick in remote deposit fraud occurring in financial institutions. Treasurers and/or ANC Staff are advised to review your bank statements weekly, if not daily. More importantly, add alerts to your account so that any transaction over \$100 is reported immediately.

Remote Deposit (or remote capture) is the ability of a bank customer to deposit a check into a bank from a remote location, usually a mobile device.

Scammers have figured out how to obtain routing numbers and account numbers, create a check and upload the check to an account. The funds are immediately debited and then withdrawn by the scammer just as quickly. Financial institutions are aware of the problem but are limited in how to prevent the scam since anyone with a legitimate routing number and an active bank account number can deposit a check.

In addition to checking your bank statements frequently and establishing alerts, an ANC can reduce their exposure to this type of fraud by redacting banking information from anything that will be shared, electronically or in person, with the public.

The OANC is working with the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the Office of the District Auditor (ODCA) to finalize the policies and procedures for the use of debit card and ACH transactions. We hope that by offering an alternative to checks we will minimize the ANC's exposure to this level of fraud. We will update Commissions once we have reached the final approval stage.



Kathy's Korner

Brought to you by Kathy S. Williams, Esq. Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions

The DC Board of Elections is your "GO-TO" Source for ANC Ballot Information.

Did you know that the DC Board of Elections (DCBOE) maintains and updates on its website a dedicated webpage for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners? For each Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (ANC) considering reelection, you will find thereon all the information you require to qualify for ballot access for the Tuesday, November 8th General Election.

NOMINATING PETITIONS ARE AVAILABLE TODAY, **WEDNESDAY**, **JULY** 20TH. Pick up your nominating petitions early to take full advantage of the time allowed -- prior to the Wednesday, August 10th filing deadline at 5:00pm -- to collect at least 25 signatures from the registered qualified electors in your single member district (SMD).

For additional information, please refer to the DCBOE website at -https://dcboe.org/Candidates/ANC-Commissioners

Please Do Not Run "AFOUL" of the Office of Campaign Finance!

This is to remind you that the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF), established within the DBOE, is responsible for, among other things, regulating and providing public disclosure of financial transactions of all candidates, including ANCs. Remember that each ANC candidate is entitled to collect a contribution in support of his or her candidacy of no more than \$25.00 from any person. More importantly, each ANC candidate may make unlimited contributions to his or her campaign. Regardless, no later than 60 days after the election, each candidate must certify on the OCF form, **SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT**, the amount of contributions received and expenditures made.

Be aware -

IF ANY ANC CANDIDATE DOES NOT RECEIVE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS OR MAKE ANY EXPENDITURES OR PERSONALLY CONTRIBUTE TO HIS OR HER CAMPAIGN, THAT CANDIDATE STILL MUST FILE THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND SO ASCERTAIN; AND,

IF ANY ANC CANDIDATE ACCEPTED CONTRIBUTIONS AND MADE EXPENSES IN PURSUIT OF HIS OR HER CANDIDACY AND DID NOT QUALIFY FOR THE BALLOT, THAT CANDIDATE STILL MUST FILE THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND SO ASCERTAIN.

For additional information, please refer to the OCF website at – <u>https://ocf.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ocf/publication/attachments/anc_brochure_0_0.pdf</u>



Did You Know that Enrollment in Capital Bikeshare is FREE for ANC Commissioners?

Yes indeed! To enroll is as easy as 1-2-3:

DDOT recently reminded the OANC that ANC Commissioners are included in their free Capital Bikeshare membership that is offered to District employees.

All you have to do is go to:

https://dchr.dc.gov/page/capital-bikeshare-free-membership and follow the "How do I sign up?" steps.

Use your "@anc.dc.gov" email address to login. If you have any questions, contact Lynard Barnum at Lynard.barnum@dc.gov.

Reminder!!

This is a reminder that FY22 QFRs are due on August 14, 2022. Q3 covers April, May, and June expenses.

The Q3 report releases the FY23 Q1 allotment. The OANC will issue Q3 allotments after October 1, 2022 (the beginning of FY23).



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SAVE THE DATE!! Conflict Resolution Training September 29, 2022 -- 7pm -9pm

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 as ANC Commissioners and in our own lives.

Attendees will learn 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.