

Charter 738 News*

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

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Introducing Program Analyst, Gail Fast

Gail Fast joined the OANC in 2020 after having served on ANC 6D as both Secretary and Chair. During her past tenure on 6D, Gail was part of the negotiating team for both Phase I and Phase II of the Wharf. She also was instrumental in negotiating to build a 6,000 sq. ft. Community Center in Southwest. Prior to serving on the ANC, Gail was a member of the Advisory Committee, who in 2015, developed the award-winning Southwest Small Area Plan, a community-based strategy for urban design, land use and neighborhood preservation. The Plan's framework included enhancing parks, pedestrian,

and street connections; enhancing transportation choices; integrating community amenities; and accommodating and guiding the direction of future growth in the Southwest neighborhood.

A 30-year resident of Southwest DC, Gail was attracted to the "smallest quadrant that could" by its economic, cultural, and social diversity. Loving her previous time serving her community, Gail was recently sworn in again, in a newly redistricted SMD, where she has gained, at last count, 54 new residents who call the Southwest Duck Pond home.

Originally hailing from New York, Gail earned a B.A in English from the University of Maryland and a M.A. in Health Education from Trinity College. Gail is an avid Washington Capitals fan, Arena Stage theatre subscriber and can be seen morning, noon and night walking her beloved border collie Evie.



QFR Deadlines

ANCs are advised of the following dates to file their 2023 Quarterly Financial Reports:

Due February 15, 2023: Q1 (October, November, December 2022)

Due May 15, 2023: Q2 (January, February, March 2023)

Due August 15, 2023: Q3 (April, May, June 2023)

Due November 15, 2023: Q4 (July, August, September 2023)

How To Apply for a Tax-Exempt Certificate

The OANC is working with the Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR) to provide ANC's with a tax-exempt certificate.

ANCs may use the tax-exempt certificate to purchase goods in the District of Columbia without incurring tax.

To apply, ANC's should upload a completed copy of their Security Fund paperwork to the QFR Documents OneDrive. The OANC will use this paperwork to obtain a tax-exempt certificate from OTR.



Kathy's Korner

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

Who Are You Going To Call?

There are many important and necessary District government legal entities, the rules and procedures thereof, to which each Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC) and Commissioner must adhere.

Among the most prominent, the DC Board of Elections (BOE) governs membership and qualifications, the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) governs campaign spending, the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability (BEGA) governs ethics, the Office of the DC Auditor (ODCA) governs ANC finances, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) guides adherence to ANC law, and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) investigates fraud. Sometimes it can be baffling to sort out which Agency or Office may accurately and concisely respond to a query or issue.



Occasionally, an ANC or Commissioner may seek an answer to a query by posing same to more than one agency or office. Not only is this method a waste of time on everyone's part, it serves to spawn miscommunication and distrust if varying opinions are dispensed. Sadly, nothing is accomplished.

The ANC Law at DC Official Code section 1-309.15(a) specifies that OANC is established "to provide technical, administrative and financial reporting." Subsection (b) states that the OANC is "headed by an Executive Director." Many of you now know that, almost three (3) months ago, the DC Council appointed Kent A. Boese as OANC Executive Director.

Of significance is that the ANC Law also states that Executive Director Boese is "the primary source of advice for Commissioners with respect to their official statutory duties." Section 1-309.15(b)(11). Whenever an ANC or Commissioner is faced with a concern, it is recommended that the OANC is the first resort. Executive Director Boese is open to discuss all matters, especially as they pertain to affected DC agencies, to assist with deciding as to the appropriate, if any, agency to call upon.

Remember that the OANC does not serve to dictate how to decide...but to furnish the tools to help you decide.

Did You Check Out the Liaison List?

As you each pursue your duties as a Commissioner, the ANC Law envisioned that you would be duly assisted by a list of agency officials and their designees for quick and detailed advice on issues that may arise. DC Official Code section 1-309.12(f)(1) requires that "[e]ach executive and independent agency, board, and commission of the District shall assign an individual to act as an Advisory Neighborhood Commission Liaison who shall serve as a designated contact for all Commissioners conducting official business with the government entity."

The ANC Law also requires the OANC to maintain this list. *Id.*, at (2). A copy of the 2023 ANC Liaison List (List) was distributed to you on January 11, 2023, by Executive Director Boese. It is updated regularly.

Please use the List! As you find any erroneous or misleading information, telephone me at 202/727-9945 or use kathy.williams@dc.gov to e-mail my attention to same.

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OANC Winter Training Calendar

Wednesday
February 1

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm or
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Learn About the
Language Access
Reimbursement
Program

Saturday,
March 4

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Zoning
101

Wednesday,
February 8

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm or
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

BEGA Ethics
Training

Wednesday,
February 15

1:00 pm - 2:00 or
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

FOIA for ANC
Commissioners

Wednesday,
February 22

3:30 - 5:00 pm

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