

# ***“Open Agenda” Notes for the November 15, 2016 meeting of ANC1D***

## **Agenda approval**

## **Public discussion**

“Each Commission shall set aside a portion of each public meeting *to hear the views of residents* within the Commission area and other affected persons on problems or issues of concern within the Commission area and on proposed District government actions that affect the Commission area.”

## **Mayor Muriel Bowser**

## **ANC Chair's report**

## **Secretary's report**

Minutes of the October 25 meeting (draft sent out October 26).

## **Treasurer's report**

Consent items: Checks to HearSay Interpreting, \$100, and Jazmin Rumbaut, \$100, interpreting at the November meeting; check to Julio Lopez Rivas, \$30, assistance at the November meeting; James True, \$75, postering for the November meeting.

Request approval of an agreement to pay James True \$75 for putting up the posters for each of our monthly meetings.

## **Community Clean-up Committee Report (Adam)**

## ***Unfinished business***

## ***New business***

## **Universal Paid Leave Act of 2016 (Franko)**

Whereas many families in our community experience unexpected, and/or critical family situations to care for a family member. These are real life situations that can place a heavy emotional and financial burden on a family, not to mention navigating the medical system to receive appropriate care in the case of a health issue. The Universal Paid Leave Act would do just that by alleviating some of this burden at a time our city is experiencing a period of prosperity.

Whereas, ANC 1D strongly supports our local business community and believes that a paid leave program must not create an undue burden on District businesses, especially small businesses;

Resolved. ANC1D supports the goal of paid leave for District workers and urges the Council of the District of Columbia to establish a universal paid leave program that honors the following principles:

- \*Provides for a generous period of paid leave.
- \*Ensures that our lowest income earners are able to utilize the program.
- \*Avoids placing undue economic or administrative burdens on small businesses.
- \*Defines "family" broadly to include, at minimum, close blood relatives, domestic partners, and spouses.
- \*Covers conditions and situations sufficiently broadly to include mental health, end of life care, outpatient care, family care, and gender-neutral parental leave.
- \*Has procedures in place to limit the possibility of abuse of the program.

### **Sense of the Council Regarding Federal Immigration Raids Resolution of 2016 (Jack)**

Resolved, that ANC1D strongly supports the "Sense of the Council Regarding Federal Immigration Raids Resolution of 2016", and advises its unanimous passage by the District Council.

Why: Immigration raids are extremely intimidating and frightening not just to undocumented immigrants, but to all immigrants, any immigrant fearing that there might be some mistake made, or that his own papers might be somehow inadequate, or that friends and even family members might be caught up in the net and threatened with deportation, or forcibly deported. Such raids are also extremely disruptive to employers, who may be discouraged from hiring any immigrants, fearing that such workers could bring about raids.

Mount Pleasant is a neighborhood of immigrants, one-third of the population being foreign-born, and one-quarter being of Hispanic origin. This neighborhood is proud of being a welcoming home for immigrants, many of whom have fled personal danger and repression in Central American and African countries. The native-born residents of Mount Pleasant stand in full solidarity with their immigrant neighbors in opposing any Federal Government actions that threaten and frighten our immigrant neighbors, including immigration raids on local employers.

With an incoming President openly hostile to immigrants, it is especially important at this time for the District Government to oppose any Federal actions that threaten the safety and security of our immigrant neighbors, beginning with this District resolution opposing immigration raids. Mount Pleasant, and the District of Columbia, should remain a safe and secure haven for immigrants from anywhere in the world.

## **Endorsing DC as a “Sanctuary City” (Jack)**

Resolved, that ANC1D endorses Mayor Bowser's statement of November 14, 2016, confirming that the District of Columbia will continue to be a "sanctuary city":

The values, laws, and policies of Washington, DC did not change on Election Day. We celebrate our diversity and respect all DC residents no matter their immigration status. We are a sanctuary city because we know that our neighborhoods are safer and stronger when no one is afraid to call on our government for help, and when our police can focus on protecting and serving.

Why: One-third of Mount Pleasant residents are foreign-born, and some are no doubt worried that the results of the November 8 election will be a threat to their safety and security here. ANC1D appreciates the Mayor's assurance that the District will continue to be a sanctuary city for immigrant residents.