

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975 to extend pandemic provisions related to Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, including revised election procedures to fill vacancies on Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, authorization for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to meet remotely, and authorization for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to approve grants for the purpose of providing humanitarian relief during the public emergency.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Pandemic Provisions Extension Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) Since the onset of the pandemic, the Council has amended existing law to provide Advisory Neighborhood Commissions with the necessary flexibility and authority to continue their important work and to support the District’s public health response.

(b) These amendments established revised procedures to fill vacancies on Advisory Neighborhood commissions, permitted Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to meet and vote remotely, and authorized them to use their available funding by issuing grants to organizations for the purpose of providing humanitarian relief, including food or supplies, during the public health emergency, or otherwise assisting in the response to the public health

1 emergency anywhere in the District, even if those services were duplicative of services also
2 performed by the District government.

3 (c) Each of these provisions were incorporated into the Coronavirus Support
4 Temporary Amendment Act of 2021 either initially, or through subsequent amendments.

5 (d) The Coronavirus Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2021 will expire on
6 February 4, 2022.

7 (e) Unfortunately, the District continues to confront the escalating public health
8 impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, especially given the continued emergence of new, more
9 contagious variants of the virus.

10 (f) Advisory Neighborhood Commissions need continued authorization to fulfill
11 their important roles in a way that does not endanger public health and assists with the public
12 health response.

13 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
14 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the
15 “Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Pandemic Provisions Extension Emergency Amendment
16 Act of 2022” be *adopted after a single reading*.

17 Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.