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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1 To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to extend the deadline for
2 submission of ward task force reports on the redistricting of ANC areas and single-
3 member districts, and to extend the deadline for the Council to enact legislation adjusting
4 the boundaries of ANC areas and single-member districts to be effective for the
5 November 2022 general election.

6 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
7 resolution may be cited as the “ANC Redistricting Deadline Extension Emergency Declaration
8 Resolution of 2022”.

9 Sec. 2. (a) The Redistricting Procedure Act of 1981, effective March 16, 1982 (D.C. Law
10 4-87; D.C. Official Code § 1-1041.01 *et seq.*) establishes ward task forces to report to the
11 Council on alternative recommendations for the adjustment of the boundaries of Advisory
12 Neighborhood Commission areas and single-member districts for each ward and on other
13 recommendations with respect to the operation of ANCs.

14 (b) Current law requires the Council to receive reports from ward task forces no later than
15 90 days after approval by the Mayor of legislation that redistricts the ward boundaries.

16 (c) As a result of federal delays in the preparation and distribution to the States and the
17 District of 2020 Census data, the Council considered ward redistricting legislation significantly
18 later in the calendar year than it had done in prior decades.

19 (d) Given the timing of the Mayor’s approval of the Ward Redistricting Emergency
20 Amendment Act of 2021, effective December 29, 2021 (D.C. Act 24-264; 69 DCR 1), the
21 deadline that was communicated to ward task forces is incompatible with the statutory 90-day
22 deadline for submission of their reports, and it is appropriate to extend the statutory deadline by
23 5 days..

24 (e) The Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975, effective October 10, 1975
25 (D.C. Law 1-21; D.C. Official Code § 1-309.01 *et seq.*), requires the Council to adjust the
26 boundaries of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission areas and single-member districts
27 following the receipt of reports from the ward task forces.

28 (f) To be effective for an election under current law, boundary adjustments must be made
29 at least 180 days prior to the election.

30 (g) It is appropriate and feasible to shorten the 180-day deadline to enable the Council to
31 adjust the boundaries of Advisory Neighborhood Commission areas and single-member districts
32 based on the task force reports and 2020 Census, so that the adjusted boundaries may be used in
33 the November 8, 2022 general election.

34 Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
35 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the ANC
36 Redistricting Deadline Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2022 be adopted after a single
37 reading.

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