

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 and authorization for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to meet remotely.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Pandemic Provisions Extension Second 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.

(b) Among other things, these amendments established revised procedures to fill vacancies on Advisory Neighborhood commissions and permitted Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to meet and vote remotely.

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

1 (d) Subsequently, the Council passed the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions
2 Pandemic Provisions Extension Emergency Amendment Act of 2022, which expired on May 4,
3 2022.

4 (e) The accompanying Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Pandemic
5 Provisions Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2022 will expire on November 19, 2022.

6 (f) Meanwhile, the Council passed the Elections Modernization Amendment Act
7 of 2022 on October 18, 2022 incorporating the elections provisions of the prior emergency and
8 temporary legislation, but that legislation has not yet become law.

9 (g) The experience of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions during the pandemic
10 demonstrated that the procedures established by this emergency and temporary legislation have
11 improved both the efficiency and efficacy of Commissions and should continue.

12 (h) Second emergency legislation is necessary to allow Advisory Neighborhood
13 Commissions to continue to meet remotely or in a hybrid fashion and to continue existing
14 election procedures until permanent legislation becomes law.

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

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