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Councilmember Elissa Silverman

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 Commission Boundaries Act of 2022 to adjust a portion of the boundary between single-member districts 6D01 and 6D07 in an offshore area that is occupied by recently constructed wharves.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Advisory Neighborhood Commission Boundaries Amendment Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2022”.

Sec. 2. (a) By enacting the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Boundaries Act of 2022, effective August 10, 2022 (D.C. Law 24-148; D.C. Official Code § 1-309.03, note), the Council established new boundaries for every Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) and single-member district (“SMD”).

(b) The new ANC and SMD boundaries were used for purposes of the November 8, 2022 election and will take effect for all other purposes on January 2, 2023.

(c) Newly available aerial photographs show that a portion of the new boundary between SMDs 6D01 and 6D07 runs through an offshore commercial building and cuts across residential piers that are used as boat slips.

(d) To avoid confusion about the SMD assignment of the commercial building and the residential piers, it is necessary to change the boundary so that SMD 6D01 encompasses all of the offshore area of the Washington Channel from the Tidal Basin to Southwest Waterfront Park.

(e) This boundary change is not expected to alter the SMD assignment of any voters, but is expected to increase the 2020 Census population of SMD 6D01 to 2,122, resulting in a relative population deviation of 6.1% (greater than 5%) from the approximate SMD population of 2,000, as fixed by section 3(a) of the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975, effective October 10, 1975 (D.C. Law 1-21; D.C. Official Code § 1-309.03(a)). This deviation results from the limitations of Census geography and additionally from the promotion of public policies respecting the natural geography of the Washington Channel in the area of the Wharf and the cohesiveness of the Wharf's liveaboard community. Therefore, the Council intends the deviation to accord with section 3(e) of the Redistricting Procedure Act of 1981, effective March 16, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-87; D.C. Official Code § 1-1041.02(e)).

(f) The Council desires to change the SMD boundaries as described in this section before the new boundaries take effect on January 2, 2023.

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

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.