

# Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

# **RESOLUTION #1D-23-0224**

## **Funding ERAP for FY23**

## Proposed March 21, 2023

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D (ANC 1D or the Commission) takes note of the following:

- On March 10, 2023, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), closed to new applications with less than 72 hours' notice.
- DC at large, and 1D specifically, is already seeing a spike in evictions after the end of the COVID-19 eviction moratorium. In the Woodner Apartments alone, there are 76 active eviction cases. Without access to ERAP, many neighbors who could have otherwise settled rental debt and remained in their homes will face eviction.
- Eviction is a traumatic process that puts tenants at high risk of homelessness and future evictions. In addition to losing their homes, tenants often lose wages, as they must attend court hearings and search for new housing. <u>Eviction Lab</u> reports that 17.5 evictions are filed for every 100 renters in DC every year, over 9% higher than the national average.
- In DC, evictions already disproportionately affect Black and brown residents. A 2020 study by Georgetown University found "a strong positive correlation between the share of Black residents in a census tract and the eviction filing rate."
- 1D residents, including those with active eviction cases, have already reported that they were unable to apply for needed ERAP funds before the program's closure.
- In FY22, DC provided additional funds to ERAP to ensure the program could accept applications through the end of the fiscal year.
- Funding ERAP through the remainder of FY23 would protect low-income tenants and prevent evictions in 1D.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D calls upon the DC Council and Mayor to fully fund ERAP for the remainder of FY23.

#### **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Commission designates Commissioner Hannah Grigg, ANC 1D02, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

#### **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

#### **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

Consistent with DC Code, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions,

and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

**ADOPTED** by a voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of ADD of seven members was present) on March 21, 2023 by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain.