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A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To establish an act to provide full access to funds designated for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions in the District of Columbia to enhance their ability to serve their communities effectively and efficiently.

BE IT ENACTED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Advisory Neighborhood Commission Funding Access Act of 2024”.

Section 2: Definitions

For the purposes of this Act:

(1) "Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)" refers to the official advisory bodies representing the District of Columbia's neighborhoods.

(2) "ANC Commissioner" refers to an elected or appointed member of an Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

(3) "Funds designated for Advisory Neighborhood Commissions" refers to any budget allocations, grants, or appropriations specifically designated for ANC operations and activities.

Section 3: Full Access to Funds

(a) ANC Commissioners shall have full access to funds designated for their respective Advisory Neighborhood Commissions.

32 (1) Access to funds shall include the authority to allocate, spend, and manage  
33 ANC funds in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and ANC policies.

34 Section 4: Transparency and Accountability

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36 (a) ANC Commissioners shall maintain transparent records of all expenditures and  
37 financial transactions related to ANC funds.

38 (b) ANC Commissioners shall provide regular reports to their constituents and the public  
39 regarding the allocation and utilization of ANC funds.

40 Section 5: Training and Support

41 (a) The District of Columbia government shall provide training and support to ANC  
42 Commissioners on financial management, budgeting, and reporting requirements.

43 (b) ANC Commissioners shall receive guidance on best practices for fiscal responsibility  
44 and accountability in managing ANC funds.

45 Section 6: Fiscal Year Budget

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47 (a) Each ANC shall develop and approve an annual budget outlining anticipated expenses  
48 and funding sources for the fiscal year.

49 (b) ANC budgets shall be subject to review and approval by the appropriate District of  
50 Columbia government authorities.

51 Section 7: Flexibility in Fund Use

52 (a) ANC funds may be used for a wide range of purposes deemed necessary and  
53 appropriate to fulfill the ANC's mission and objectives.

54 (1) Allowable uses of ANC funds may include but are not limited to office  
55 supplies, community outreach efforts, public meetings, events, and administrative  
56 expenses.

57 Section 8: Non-interference

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59 (a) No District of Columbia government agency or official shall interfere with the

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61 independent decision-making authority of ANC Commissioners in managing ANC funds,

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63 provided such decisions comply with applicable laws and regulations.

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65 Section 9. Fiscal impact statement.

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67 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal

68 impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,

69 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

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Section 10. Effective date.

71 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the

72 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as

73 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

74 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813: D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)) and publication in the District of

75 Columbia Register.