

## **Resolution in Support of Adding Article 7, Section 7 Consent Agenda for Regular Meetings of the Commission to ANC 1C By-Laws**

WHEREAS, ANC 1C represents a diverse neighborhood of both residents and businesses and welcomes community discussion for impactful change in Adams Morgan, Ward 1, and D.C.;

WHEREAS, Consent Agendas are commonly used meeting practices to group routine, procedural, informational, and self-explanatory business and reports into one agenda item;

WHEREAS, other Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, including 1A, 1B, 2B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 6C, 6D, 7E use this common meeting practice to increase efficiency and prioritize the time of the commission and community for matters requiring discussion;

WHEREAS, The following items are typically found on ANC consent agendas:

- ANC Committee meeting minutes
- ANC financials
- Chairman report
- Committee reports
- Staff/Volunteer/Committee appointments
- Correspondence that requires no action
- Resolution honoring/acknowledging a person, place, thing, event
- Perfunctory items-formal approval of items that had much past discussion

WHEREAS, under this process, all matters listed under the "Consent Agenda" are considered by the Commission to be routine;

WHEREAS, under this process, any commissioner may remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request if: further discussion is needed; or if a Commissioner needs to not vote on that item because of a disqualifying conflict of interest;

WHEREAS, under this process, it is the right of a single commissioner to have the authority to make a motion to remove an item from the Consent Agenda, no vote or a second on the motion is required;

WHEREAS, items that are removed from the Consent Agenda shall be considered and voted upon separately;

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bowles (1C07) introduced the rule change at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission to the public, pursuant to Article 11, Section 1 of the By-Laws of ANC 1C;

WHEREAS, Article 11 - Amendments, Section 1 - Amendments states:

Any Commissioner desiring to amend these by-laws shall first announce it publicly at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission. Any proposed amendment to the by-laws shall then come into effect only if approved by the vote of two-thirds of the Commissioners present and voting, a quorum being present, at a meeting of the Commission that is held not less than 21 days following the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission at which the public announcement was first made.

WHEREAS the proposed rule "Article 7 Agenda, Section 7 - Consent Agenda for Regular Meetings of the Commission" states:

The agenda for each regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission may include, at the discretion of the chair, a consent agenda. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of any one Commissioner. Items not removed shall be adopted by general consent without debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda, at the discretion of the majority of the Commission. A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda is non-debatable. Items on the consent agenda are exempt from Article 7, Section 6.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 1C adopts the proposed rule change;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 1C inserts the new section titled "Section 7 - Consent Agenda for Regular Meetings of the Commission" following Article 7 - Section 6, and renumber the following section numbers accordingly.