



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C

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Re: Councilmember Jack Evans

Amanda Fox Perry (1C08)

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on March 6, 2019, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C unanimously passed a resolution authorizing this letter by a vote of 8-0-0.

We are writing to you today to request that you remove Councilmember Jack Evans as Chair of the Committee on Finance and Revenue and that the Council of the District of Columbia investigate Councilmember Evans' pay to play methods.

In a memo published by the *Washington Post* this past weekend, Councilmember Evans highlights the contacts he has gained as an elected official and explains how he will leverage these contacts to gain business for the law firm. Per the memo, "no local firm has established itself as the 'go-to' government relations firm" so it's "fertile ground" to exploit.

The *Washington City Paper* reported on March 4, 2019 that the federal government subpoenaed Councilmember Evans' private clients, asking for information about the work he did for them.

The actions taken by Councilmember Evans are unethical and corrupt. Evans' practices violate the Council of the District of Columbia Code of Official Conduct and they are not consistent with the DC values of honesty, ethical behavior, and leadership.

The Council has a past practice of removing Committee Chairs or taking other action for similar behavior, and we expect consistent treatment for such egregious conduct. We feel it necessary to go beyond just a reprimand of Evans' actions and that it is, in fact, necessary to create a special council committee to investigate Evans as was requested by Councilmembers David Grosso, Elissa Silverman, and Brianne K. Nadeau.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Guthrie', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ted Guthrie

Chair, ANC 1C

cc: Council Members Bonds, Grosso, Silverman, White, White, Nadeau, Evans, McDuffie, Allen, Cheh, Todd and Gray