



**Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C**  
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*Representing Adams Morgan*

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*Vacant (1C02)*

RE: Resolution in Support of Initiative 81 Entheogenic Plants and Fungus Measure

*Ted Guthrie (1C03)*

*John Zottoli (1C04)*

To whom it may concern:

*Damiana Dendy (1C05)*

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on 9/2/2020, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C passed the attached resolution in support of Initiative 81, Entheogenic Plants and Fungus Measure (2020) by a vote of 5-0-0.

*Vacant (1C06)*

*Japer Bowles (1C07)*

*Christopher Jackson (1C08)*

Warm regards,

Amir Irani  
Chairperson, ANC 1C

cc:

## Resolution in Support of Initiative 81 Entheogenic Plants and Fungus Measure (2020)

Whereas, Initiative 81 as will be on the November 3rd General Election Ballot and if enacted by the the voters of the District of Columbia, it would:

1. Make entheogens among the lowest law enforcement priorities for the Metropolitan Police Department.
2. Create a non-binding public call upon the DC Attorney General and U.S. Attorney for DC to cease prosecution of criminal charges involving entheogens.

Whereas, the Campaign to Decriminalize Nature DC has organized this initiative to lower the law enforcement priorities for entheogenic plant and fungi medicines; and

Whereas, ANC 1C has had guest speakers from the Campaign to Decriminalize Nature DC to discuss the benefits of decriminalization of entheogenic plant and fungi medicines for residents of Adams Morgan; and

Whereas, leading medical researchers have clinically demonstrated that entheogens have significant healing outcomes for individuals suffering from conditions including addiction, depression, trauma and terminal illness, more specifically:

- A variety of studies have found that psilocybin and ayahuasca can produce dramatic and lasting reductions in the symptoms of treatment-resistant depression.
- Psilocybin can reduce symptoms of obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD).
- Psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy can reduce depressed mood, anxiety, and death anxiety; and increase quality of life, life meaning, and optimism in cancer patients.
- Psilocybin can be a useful tool for lowering psychological defenses and treating PTSD.
- Lifetime use of psychedelics has been associated with significantly reduced odds of psychological distress and suicidal planning and suicide attempts.
- There is recent evidence that psilocybin can be highly effective for smoking cessation and more clinical trials are currently underway.
- A large body of literature dating back to the 1950s has found that psychedelics are effective at treating alcoholism and reducing alcohol misuse.
- Ibogaine is emerging as one of the most effective treatments for opioid use disorder, reducing or eliminating withdrawal symptoms and preventing relapse.

Whereas, psychedelic use is associated with reduced rates of criminality across a wide range of measures, including a reduced likelihood of: supervision failure and recidivism, larceny/theft, assault, arrest for property crimes, arrest for violent crimes, and intimate partner violence; and

Whereas, an entheogen is a natural plant or fungi substance that initiates non-ordinary states of consciousness which can inspire cognitive, emotional, relational, and spiritual growth and healing; and

Whereas, in many cultures they are sacred and some entheogens are already recognized as such by existing U.S. law; and

Whereas, entheogens are naturally occurring and have been consumed for millennia by humans; and

**Therefore**, ANC 1C commissioners vote 5 to 0 to publicly support Initiative 81 and encourage residents to carefully consider the initiative.