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Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt, Director
District of Columbia Department of Health
899 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20003

RE: Resolution requesting a walk-up vaccination site in Ward 1

Dear Director Nesbitt,

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on 5/5/2021, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C voted 8-0-0 in favor of the attached resolution requesting a walk-up vaccination site in Ward 1, the only Ward in the District without a walk-up site.

As you know, advance appointments and online registration are barriers to vaccination therefore ANC 1C requests that a walk-up vaccination site in Ward 1 be implemented by DC Health and the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM), in the interest of the health and well-being of those who are not yet vaccinated.

Warm regards,

Amir Irani
Chairperson, ANC 1C

cc: Dr. Jacqueline A. Watson, DC Health Chief of Staff; jacqueline.watson@dc.gov
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Resolution requesting a walk-up vaccination site in Ward 1

WHEREAS, as of May 2, 47,903 District residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and tragically, 1,106 District residents have passed; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines are safe and shown to be over 90% effective and the District is distributing available vaccines to priority populations and the general population over several months; and

WHEREAS, the District's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan outlines an infrastructure to support a coordinated response to vaccine distribution and administration for healthcare workers, critical infrastructure workers, specific vulnerable populations, those with a higher risk of severe morbidity and mortality due to COVID-19, as well as all District residents; and

WHEREAS, as of April 29 pre-registrations for the COVID-19 vaccine are no longer accepted and, as of May 1, the District began operating 11 high-capacity, walk-up COVID-19 vaccination sites where no advance appointment is needed; and

WHEREAS, Ward 1 has three high-capacity Super Vote Centers (Columbia Heights Community Center, Prince Hall Center for the Performing Arts, Marie Reed Elementary School) that are used by the District Board of Elections to administer Primary and General elections; and

WHEREAS, seven of eight Wards in the District have walk-up COVID vaccination sites in addition to the pharmacies, clinics and healthcare providers that are administering vaccines; and

WHEREAS, Ward 1 is the only ward without a walk-up COVID vaccination site; and

WHEREAS, as of April 30, District Government vaccination data indicated that 22% of Ward 1 residents were fully vaccinated, the lowest west of the Anacostia river and third lowest District-wide; and



WHEREAS, as of May 1, the Columbia Heights neighborhood in Ward 1 has 2,329 positive cases, the highest number of cases of any neighborhood in the District; and

WHEREAS, according to Google maps, the walk from Columbia Heights Civic Plaza, the heart of Columbia Heights, to the nearest walk-up vaccination site at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center is 2.2 miles, a 46 minute route for those able to walk; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Heights neighborhood in Ward 1 is home to a population that is 51% Black, 10% Hispanic, and 10% Asian; and

WHEREAS, advance appointments, forms and online registration are barriers to vaccination thereby lowering vaccination rates, especially among vulnerable populations and populations of color; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, ANC 1C urgently requests that a walk-up vaccination site in Ward 1 be identified and implemented by DC Health and the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM) as rapidly as possible, in the interest of the health and well-being of those who are not yet vaccinated.

RESOLVED, ANC 1C urges DC Health and the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM) to open a walk-up vaccination site in Ward 1 at any of the following locations:

- Columbia Heights Community Center (Ward 1 Super Vote Center)
- Prince Hall Center for the Performing Arts (Ward 1 Super Vote Center)
- Marie Reed Elementary School (Ward 1 Super Vote Center)
- The Salvation Army, Sherman Avenue Corps
- Harrison Recreation Center
- Raymond Recreation Center
- The Frank D. Reeves Center
- Sacred Heart Church