



**Government of the District of Columbia  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B  
RESOLUTION #4B-21-0304  
Establishing Community Safety and  
Support Committee  
Adopted March 22, 2021**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B (Commission) takes note of the following:

- The Commission’s [Rules of Procedure](#), amended January 27, 2020, allow the Commission to establish Committees to assist the Commission in considering a specific issue or issues relevant to the Commission. See Rules of Procedure § V(A) (“Such a Committee can provide additional expertise, as well as an additional opportunity for public engagement.”). The Rules of Procedure provide that the Commission shall define the scope, including the mission and duties, and the composition of any Committee by a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Commission at a regular public meeting. *Id.* at § V(B).
- As discussed in our [2020 Annual Report](#), Advisory Commission 4B recognizes the importance of community support and a holistic approach to public safety. Affordable housing, quality public education, health care services (including mental health), and recreation and programming opportunities are some of the mechanisms that ensure safe and stable communities. The Commission has sought assurances that law enforcement will protect vulnerable populations, including youth, members of the LGBTQ community, and people of color, as well as advocated for more accountability and better reporting procedures. While public safety and accountability have been a longstanding priority for the Commission, these efforts received new urgency and focus as protests against police violence and murders erupted in DC and across the nation.
- As part of this conversation, the Commission has continued to advocate for accountability and transparency in policing and other emergency services, a shift to other methods of violence prevention, and a community-centered approach to law enforcement that is cognizant of historical and ongoing inequities in policing and access to justice in our communities.
- Residents deserve to feel safe traversing their neighborhoods, throughout the community and when using public transportation

without fear of violence or harassment from those sworn to protect them. To that end the ANC 4B has approved resolutions, submitted testimony and letters on the following issues:

- [Resolution 4B-19-1006 - Reaffirming Our Community's Commitment to Inclusion and Calling for Increased Action to Address Hate Crimes in the District](#)
- [Resolution 4B 20-0101 – Supporting Increased Funding and Expansion of the Metropolitan Police Department's Motor Carrier Unit](#)
- [Resolution 4B-20-0201 – Supporting Metro Transit Police Adopting Metropolitan Police Department General Order 305-1 re Interacting with Juveniles](#)
- [Resolution 4B-20-0202 – ANC Concerns with Metropolitan Police Department use of Nextdoor for Reporting of Non-Emergency Public Safety Concerns](#)
- [Resolution 4B-20-0203 – Expressing a Lack of Confidence in Chief Ronald A. Pavlik, Jr. and Calling for Reform of the Metro Transit Police Department](#)
- [Resolution 4B-20-0605 – Calling for the Divestment of Local Police Funding and Reinvestment in Community-Based Supports and Services](#)
- [Resolution 4B-20-0906 – Urging the DC Council to Ban the Use of Gay Panic and Trans Panic Defense in Court Cases](#)
- [Written testimony](#) to the DC Council Committee on Facilities and Procurement regarding [PR-23-0704](#) calling for the immediate removal of Chief Pavlik, appointment of an interim Chief and adoption of the Metropolitan Police Department's revised General Orders regarding interaction with juveniles within the Metro Transit Police Department.
- A [letter](#) from ANC 4B and other Commissioners through Ward 4 calling for an investigation regarding the death of Karon Hylton.

## **RESOLVED:**

- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B establishes a Community Safety and Support Committee. The Committee's work shall include (1) recommending proposed community safety measures within the

Commission's boundaries; (2) analyzing and providing feedback, including letters and testimony on proposed legislation and policy affecting community safety; (3) hosting and supporting educational events on topics related community safety.

- That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B appoints Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson, ANC 4B06, as Chair of the Public Safety Committee and designates that the Committee shall be comprised of five members, who will be selected in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure.

### **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Commission designates Commissioner Tiffani Nichole Johnson, ANC 4B06 and Commissioner Erin Palmer, ANC 4B02 to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution.

### **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That, in the event the designated representative Commissioners cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this Resolution.

### **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That, consistent with DC Code § 1-309, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

**ADOPTED** by voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of **7** members were present) on March 22, 2021, by a vote of **7** yes, **0** no, **0** abstentions.