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**RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D CONCERNING
IMPLEMENTATION OF INITIATIVE 83**

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D takes note of the following:

1. **WHEREAS** District of Columbia residents are empowered to require changes to the District’s laws via the ballot initiative process;¹
2. **WHEREAS** in November 2024, District residents approved proposed ballot Initiative 83, approving ranked choice voting and semi-open primaries in District elections;²
3. **WHEREAS** Initiative 83 as passed in November called for its implementation “beginning with the June 2026 primary election and for all subsequent elections thereafter;”³
4. **WHEREAS** support for Initiative 83 was overwhelming throughout the District, with supermajorities of voters in each of the eight Wards voting in

¹ D.C. Code § 1-204.101

² https://electionresults.dcboe.org/election_results/2024-General-Election;
<https://dcboe.org/getmedia/c531ed1f-3a52-4288-8ff8-a3afd45ff14b/initiative-83-08232023.pdf>

³ <https://dcboe.org/getmedia/c531ed1f-3a52-4288-8ff8-a3afd45ff14b/initiative-83-08232023.pdf>

favor, including 68.5% of Ward 4 voters, signaling strong demand for these election reforms from District residents;⁴

5. **WHEREAS** Initiative 83 sought to make the District’s elected representatives more accountable and responsive to District residents;⁵
6. **WHEREAS** implementing Initiative 83 will require a modest budgetary outlay, estimated at \$1.45 million over the next four years, primarily for outreach and education to the community about implementation of the Initiative;⁶

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D:

1. **Requests** that the D.C. Council and Mayor respect the clear will of District voters and move to immediately provide for implementation of Initiative 83;
2. **Urges** the D.C. Council and Mayor to implement Initiative 83 without delay, so that the electoral reforms overwhelmingly supported by District residents are in place for the District’s next elections in 2026, as District voters supported;
3. **Calls upon** the D.C. Council and Mayor to ensure that Initiative 83 implementation is fully funded in the District’s upcoming FY 2026 budget;
4. **Expects** the D.C. Council and Mayor to forcefully advocate against any efforts by federal legislators to overturn Initiative 83;
5. **Strongly disapproves** of any efforts by sitting elected officials to delay or avoid implementation of Initiative 83’s reforms; and
6. **Urges** the District’s elected officials to place respect for the will of District voters over other political interests or self-interest and ensure that Initiative 83 is implemented as the law of the District.

⁴ https://electionresults.dcboe.org/election_results/2024-General-Election

⁵ See, e.g., Lisa Rice, *Initiative 83 Will Let All Voters Be Heard in D.C. Elections*, The Georgetown (Oct. 28, 2024), <https://georgetown.com/articles/2024/10/28/opinion-initiative-83-will-let-all-voters-be-heard-in-d-c-elections/> (“these reforms would make politicians work harder for our votes and hold them accountable for delivering the policy and progress that the majority of Washingtonians seek.”).

⁶ <https://dcboe.org/getmedia/fc7e461d-7702-42c7-a96b-e05b8116b680/FINAL-FIS-Ranked-Choice-Voting-and-Semi-Closed-Primaries-Act-of-2024-1.pdf>

7. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Commissioners Aman George (4D06), Stephen Marencic (4D05) and Abel Amene (4D02) are hereby authorized to represent the commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

This Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Concerning Implementation of Initiative 83 was considered on December 18, 2024 before ANC 4D at a duly noticed meeting of the Commission in the presence of a quorum.

The vote of the Commission was 7 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. The resolution is hereby adopted as resolution number 4D-2024-10.

Signed by:

Dated: Dec. 19, 2024

/s/ Anthony Pirrotti

Anthony Pirrotti, ANC 4D Chair