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RESOLUTION ON THE NEW COLUMBIA CONSTITUTION

Whereas, The New Columbia Draft Constitution was recently proposed by the New Columbia Statehood Commission, which is chaired by Mayor Muriel Bowser and DC Council Chairman Phil Mendelson.

Whereas, The proposed constitution would serve as the state constitution once the State of New Columbia becomes the Nation's 51st state.

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Whereas, The proposed constitution would establish a unicameral legislative body that mirrors the current DC Council structure.

Whereas, The constitution also proposes major reforms in the ways in which Advisory Neighborhood Commissions operate and further restricts the already diminished authority and "Great Weight."

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 1B OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that:

1. ANC 1B supports a bicameral legislature where the current DC Council would become a Senate and the ANCs would be restructured into a House of Delegates;
2. ANC 1B supports a Constitution that allows populous-generated referendums on elements of the Constiution.
3. ANC 1B supports a Constitution that establishes legislative, executive, and judiciary branches that can evolve with the needs of the people.

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT: The Chair or any Commissioner as delegate of the Chair, shall be authorized to communicate this resolution to and testify before any agency of the Government of the District of Columbia or the members of the Council of the District of Columbia.

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Certification:

After providing sufficient notice for and with a quorum of 9 Commissioners present at its July 7, 2016, meeting, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1B voted, with 9 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.

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