



ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E

P.O. Box 2236, Washington, DC 20013

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FULL AND TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF INITIATIVE 83

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed public meeting on April 30, 2025, with a quorum present (4 commissioners present, 4 commissioners absent, and 1 vacant single-member district), ANC 6E voted (3 Ayes-1 Abstains-0 Nays) to APPROVE the following resolution calling for full and timely implementation of Initiative 83:

WHEREAS, In the general election of November 5, 2024, the voters of the District of Columbia considered Initiative Measure No. 83, the “Ranked Choice Voting and Open the Primary Elections to Independent Voters Act of 2024”; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 83 proposed:

(a) the use of ranked-choice voting for all elections, except for political party offices, in which there are three or more candidates, and

(b) allowing a voter with no party affiliation to vote in the primary election of their choosing, except for political party offices; and

WHEREAS, The voters approved Initiative 83 by a vote of 72.89% in favor citywide, as certified by the Board of Elections, with a supermajority (over two-thirds) of voters in all eight wards of the District and a majority (over one-half) of voters in all 144 precincts of the District; and

WHEREAS, Implementation of the Initiative relies upon an appropriation from the Council of the District of Columbia to fund certain operations of the Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Impact Statement prepared by the District’s Chief Financial Officer estimates a total implementation budget of approximately \$1.45 million over four years, the majority of which will fund outreach and educational efforts by the Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, Early and thorough educational efforts are essential to ensure a successful first election under the Initiative’s new electoral rules; and

WHEREAS, The text of the Initiative, as approved by the voters, called for its implementation “beginning with the June 2026 primary election and for all subsequent elections thereafter”; and

WHEREAS, Providing implementation funding to the Board of Elections in the budget for Fiscal Year 2026 would allow the Board to begin outreach and education starting on October 1, 2025, a full eight months before the June 2026 primary; and

WHEREAS, At this moment, the people of the District of Columbia are rightly alarmed about the future of Home Rule, our vital fifty-year experiment in self-government; and



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WHEREAS, Championing the people's voice, as expressed through the initiative process granted by the Home Rule Charter, is a necessary duty of the public officials elected under that same Charter; and

WHEREAS, The power of initiative only exists in around one-half of U.S. states, and where it does exist, politicians have been attempting to obstruct the people's access to the initiative process or to reverse the effect of initiatives passed by popular vote, two types of anti-democratic practice that have no place in the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, The people of the District of Columbia treasure the power of initiative as an instance of direct democracy, amid so many deprivations of their rights as American citizens and taxpayers, and the people of the District of Columbia expect their elected leaders to defend that power; therefore now be it

RESOLVED, That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E calls upon the Mayor of the District of Columbia to include full funding for the implementation of Initiative 83 in her budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and be it

RESOLVED, That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E calls upon the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia and the Chair of the Council's Committee on Executive Administration and Labor to include full funding for implementation in their markup of the budget for Fiscal Year 2026; and be it

RESOLVED, That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6E calls upon the Council of the District of Columbia to approve said funding without delay or diminution.

On behalf of the ANC 6E Commission,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "AbuKhalaf". The signature is written in a cursive, stylized font.

Ahmad Abu-Khalaf, Chair of 6E

CC:

Mayor Muriel Bowser

Chairman Phil Mendelson

Councilmember Anita Bonds, At-Large



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