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ANC 3/4G Statement on Racism
June 8, 2020

ANC 3/4G stands with Mayor Bowser, members of the DC Council, and all residents of the District of Columbia as we grapple with the senseless killings of African American citizens such as George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breona Taylor. It is evident that we cannot move forward as a nation until we address the structures that perpetuate systemic racism and numerous other injustices in our communities. Moreover, the events during the past few weeks, compounded with COVID-19, are further exposing numerous inequities in healthcare, economic security, housing, educational opportunities, and the justice system across the District and the United States.

In light of these inequities and the ongoing and seemingly never-ending cycle of violence perpetrated against African Americans, ANC 3/4G believes that it is critical to reaffirm our continued commitment to equity, inclusion, and justice for all. Our Declaration of Independence asserts the right of every citizen to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” It is time to finally make good on that promise.

As representatives within the Chevy Chase community, we are committed to using our elected positions to:

1. Work with the Mayor, the District Council, and ANCs across the District to eliminate persistent inequities in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States;

2. Create a representational working group within ANC 3/4G tasked with identifying equity and justice issues within our community and proposing concrete solutions;
3. Support both local and national organizations and elected officials who endorse and take action on proposed concrete solutions in their work against racial injustice and inequality; and
4. Continually use our voices to speak out against injustice in the District and across the nation.

Additionally, ANC 3/4G remains hopeful and committed to a society that is diverse, inclusive, tolerant, and respectful of all its residents.

Approved by ANC 3/4G after a discussion at its regularly scheduled and noticed June 8, 2020 meeting by a vote of 7 to 0 (a quorum being 4).

Randy Speck, Chair

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