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**Chair Randy Speck's Announcement
Decision Not to Seek Re-Election for ANC 3G03
June 27, 2022**

I am proud to have served as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for ANC 3/4G since January 2013, and as its chair since January 2015. I'm grateful to the 19 commissioners with whom I've served and from whom I've learned. It's now time, however, for others to assume this demanding but rewarding role. Thus, I will not seek re-election in November to represent ANC 3/4G03. The last two years have been especially challenging. Not only did the pandemic require the Commission to meet virtually, but we've had six new commissioners who had to learn on the job while tackling some particularly difficult and controversial issues — e.g., the DCPS proposal to make the Military Road School exclusive for Lafayette Elementary pre-kindergarten rather than open it to all the District's kids, the development of the Chevy Chase Small Area Plan, and Maret School's proposal to build a sports field behind the Episcopal Center for Children. The Commission addressed these and other topics energetically, transparently, sincerely, and cooperatively — though it was impossible to satisfy all of our constituents. As will always be the case, the commissioners who are elected in November will be expected to offer their views on a number of formidable decisions. They will have a major role in helping to shape the new

Civic Core with the Community Center and Library that will serve the community's needs and housing that will bring more diversity and affordability to Chevy Chase.

Commissioners and their new Zoning, Design, and Development Committee will be key to implementation of the Small Area Plan. The Commission will continue to press for ways to address overcrowding at Lafayette, the implications for our neighborhood of the plans for bike lanes on Connecticut Avenue, the continued vitality of our small businesses, and the constant need to address racial and social equity issues. While I will no longer be a commissioner, I expect to help where I can to support and strengthen our neighborhood and to make it an even better place to live, work, play, and learn. I also plan to work with the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions as a mentor for the new commissions that have been created by redistricting and for the newly elected cohort of commissioners. I hope to share my ten years of experience to shorten the learning curve for first-time commissioners — including whoever represents ANC 3/4G03 next year.

I encourage anyone who cares about this neighborhood to pick up the petitions after July 20th to get on the ballot, to collect the required 25 signatures by August 10th, and to run to be a commissioner in the November 8th election. You will get to know your neighbors better, learn how to make the District government work more effectively for us, and contribute to the community's well-being. I appreciate the opportunity that I have had to make what I hope has been a positive difference for Chevy Chase, Barnaby Woods, and Hawthorne. To facilitate our Commission's transition, I am also resigning as chair, effective at the Commission's July 11th meeting, when the commissioners will select a new chair for the remainder of this year. I will, however, remain on the Commission until the end of my term on December 31, 2022.