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Resolution to Establish an ANC 3/4G Task Force on the Immigration Crackdown

WHEREAS, the federal intervention in District of Columbia to address crime and immigration, broadly seen as an infringement (*aka* takeover) of local District authority and autonomy, has aroused strong Chevy Chase neighbor concern (irrespective of neighbor views about crime in DC);

WHEREAS, the takeover has hit home in Chevy Chase with the first neighborhood immigrant arrests by US Park Police and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement on August 20 and 22;

WHEREAS, scores of immigrant workers who have serviced Chevy Chase homes for years are now at heightened risk of being spontaneously detained and arrested;

WHEREAS, Chevy Chase not only receives immigrant workers into our homes every day but as a community is itself home to 2100+ foreign-born residents or 15% of our ~14,000 local population (per US Census data);

WHEREAS, all Chevy Chase residents are now vulnerable to being unwittingly embroiled in confrontations at their homes and the community broadly as the federal immigration crackdown expands;

WHEREAS, the August 19, 25, and 28 community Zoom meetings (~300 attendees) and community survey (~500 respondents, 900+ comments) on the takeover, conducted by ANC 3/4G 02 but open all residents, have provided a wealth of feedback to inform this resolution and revealed widespread community interest and willingness to engage;

WHEREAS, most neighbors surveyed call for concerted ANC action to meet the moment and lead the community;

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WHEREAS, calls for ANC action include:

- Keeping residents abreast of developments;
- Advising residents on their rights and responsibilities;
- Aiding immigrant workers in need of assistance;
- Liaising with immigrant support groups;
- · Advising the DC Council and Mayor's office on community responses; and
- Organizing or identifying opportunities for civic engagement;

WHEREAS, undertaking these tasks necessitates an extra-ordinary effort by the ANC, exceeding the commission's current capacity given routine, ongoing service to constituents; and

WHEREAS, ANC by-laws provide for adding support to confront neighborhood issues by creating task forces, as circumstances warrant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ANC 3/4G shall establish a Task Force on the Immigration Crackdown, effective immediately, to last the duration of the current crisis or until disbanded by the commission;

The task force shall be chaired by a commissioner and consist in addition of commission area residents, to be recruited and nominated by the chair (with any commission assistance) for commission approval at the September 22 meeting;

The task force shall be authorized to assist the commission in undertaking the tasks identified above and others as recommended to and approved by the commission;

The task force shall deliver an action plan for commission review by the September 22 meeting;

The task force shall report to the commission on its activities at every regular commission meeting until disbanded; and

The task force shall operate consistent with commission by-laws and DC Code as regards limits on scope and delegation of authorities, etc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Commissioner Sherman be designated as the task force chair and delegated the assignments contained herein.