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## Apply the Open Meetings Act to ANCs

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Council of the District of Columbia to remove the exemption of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions from Bill B18-716, the “Open Meetings Amendment Act of 2010”, substituting specific provisions where the regulations of this Act would be especially burdensome on such Commissions.

**Why:** The bill provides for (1) meetings open to the public, (2) advance public notice of meetings, (3) meetings via electronic technology; (4) electronic recordings of meetings. Surely Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, as elected public bodies, should be held to the same public-meeting standard as other organs of the District Government. The only valid reasons for exclusion would be that a particular provision was inappropriate for ANC proceedings, or that a particular provision could be especially burdensome for these neighborhood-based organizations to meet.

ANC1D believes that, with suitable guidance from the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, the provisions requiring some technological capability, such as the electronic recording of meetings, and the maintenance of Internet websites, can readily be met.

*Passed by 5 to 0 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on December 7, 2010, with a quorum present. Voting “yes”: Commissioners Bosserman, McKay, Edwards, Scott, Tunda.*