

ANC 3D

A Resolution Supporting Passage of H.R. 328, The DC Voting Rights Act

WHEREAS, each Commissioner on every Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) in the District of Columbia is a publicly elected official of the District of Columbia government; and

WHEREAS, the United States government recognized the importance of local representation of citizens of the District of Columbia by creating the ANCs in Pub. L. 93-198, title VII, § 738, as amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to DC ST § 1-309.10(f), "each Commission may present its views to any federal or District agency"; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 3D held on March 7, 2007 the Commissioners considered the matter of H.R. 328 The DC Voting Rights Act, introduced in the United States House of Representatives during the 110th Congress on January 9, 2007 by the Honorable Eleanor Holmes-Norton (DC) and the Honorable Tom Davis (VA); and

WHEREAS, more than half a million people living in the District of Columbia, the capital of our democratic nation, lack direct voting representation in the United States Senate and House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, District of Columbia residents have fought and died to defend our democracy in every war since the War for Independence; and

WHEREAS, District of Columbia residents pay billions of dollars in Federal taxes each year; and

WHEREAS, our nation is founded on the principles of "one person, one vote", "government by the consent of the governed", and "no taxation without representation"; and

WHEREAS, a Bill similar to H.R. 328 received a mark-up and a hearing in the United States House of Representatives during the 109th Congress, but the House failed to take up consideration of that Bill on the Floor prior to dissolution of the 109th Congress; and

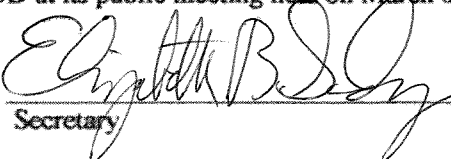
WHEREAS, the citizens of the District of Columbia have for too long been denied many of the rights, responsibilities and privileges enjoyed by the citizens of each of the United States, including representation in the Congress, and instead have been long subject to the indignity of taxation without representation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. ANC 3D urges the Judiciary Committee of the United States House of Representatives to promptly consider and vote to recommend passage of H.R. 328 by the full United States House of Representatives.
2. ANC 3D urges each Congressperson in the United States House of Representatives and each Senator in the United States Senate to promptly consider and pass H.R. 328, and forward the Bill to the President of the United States for his signature.
3. ANC 3D urges the President of the United States to promptly sign H.R. 328 into law after the Bill is presented for his signature.
4. ANC 3D urges the United States Congress and President to promptly consider additional measures leading to full congressional voting representation and local autonomy for residents of the District of Columbia.

This Resolution was duly considered and passed by ANC 3D at its public meeting held on March 6, 2007 by a vote of 4-0-2.


Chair

Attest: 
Secretary