

1 **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT: CITIZENS FAIR ELECTION PROGRAM AMENDMENT ACT**

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3 WHEREAS, residents of the District of Columbia are increasingly concerned that wealthy donors,
4 corporations, and outside interests who make large campaign contributions have an outsized influence
5 on the decisions of elected officials;

6 WHEREAS, our democracy works best when it lives up to the principle of one person, one vote, and
7 when the strength of a citizen's voice doesn't depend on the size of their wallet;

8 WHEREAS, numerous studies show that small donor empowerment programs help further democratize
9 the election process, encourage fair governance and diversify the pool of candidates;

10 WHEREAS, a bill for a small donor empowerment program is pending before the D.C. Council which
11 addresses such concerns;

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13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY ANC 5D, THAT:

14 1. We support the following general principles of the proposed Citizens Fair Elections Program
15 Amendment Act of 2015 (B21-0509):

16 a. To provide a system of voluntary public financing for qualifying candidates for D.C.

17 Mayor, D.C. Council, and Attorney General;

18 b. To provide public funds that are capped at a specified amount and encourage small
19 donations through a matching system;

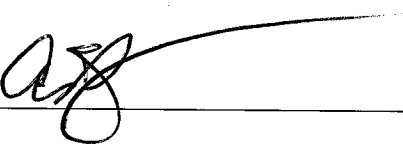
20 c. Candidates who accept public funding must also accept limits such as the source and
21 amount of contributions they can accept;


22 d. To impose conditions for qualifying for public financing, such as raising a minimum
23 amount of small contributions from a minimum number of individuals.

24 2. We urge the Judiciary Committee to schedule a public hearing, and all Councilmembers to co-
25 sponsor, support hearings and pass the Citizens Fair Elections Program Amendment Act of 2015
26 as soon as possible.

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ADOPTED: 6/29/16 BY A VOTE OF 4 (Y) 0 (N) 0 (A)


Chairperson, ANC 5D


Secretary, ANC 5D