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ANC3C RESOLUTION NO. 2009-027

Resolution Regarding Marriage Equality in the District of Columbia

WHEREAS, ANC-3C values the *District of Columbia Human Rights Act of 1977*, effective December 13, 1977 (*D.C. Law 2-38; D.C. Official Code § 2-1401.01*) which clearly prohibits discrimination based upon sexual orientation;

WHEREAS, ANC-3C salutes and supports the Council of the District of Columbia on its recent vote to approve legislation, *Jury and Marriage Amendment Act of 2009*, which fully recognizes same-sex marriages legally entered into in other jurisdictions here in District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, ANC-3C acknowledges that DC Law 18-0009, *Jury and Marriage Amendment Act of 2009* does not permit or recognize same-sex marriages contracted in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, ANC-3C believes that this anomalous position grants recognition and rights to citizens of other jurisdictions, but does not grant the same recognition and rights to its own citizens -- thereby clearly discriminating against the citizens of the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, ANC-3C believes that marriage is a 'basic' human right and to have one's bond of marriage recognized by the government is a fundamental right;

WHEREAS, ANC-3C believes that the District of Columbia should not interfere with same-sex couples who choose to marry and share fully and equally in the rights, responsibilities, and commitment of civil marriage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 3C calls on the Council of the District of Columbia to enact legislation to provide marriage equality in the District of Columbia recognizing the right of same-sex couples to marry in the District of Columbia and fully recognize same-sex marriages legally entered into in other jurisdictions from across the nation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3C calls upon Mayor Adrian M. Fenty to sign such legislation upon Council approval;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advice provided herein is intended to be the formal act of this Commission in accordance with § 1-309.10 of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Act, and therefore, is entitled to *great weight*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Commissioner Lee Brian Reba (ANC3C01), Chairman Anne-Marie Bairstow, and/or their designee(s) are authorized to represent ANC 3C on this matter.