

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E
TENLEYTOWN • AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK • FRIENDSHIP
HEIGHTS

P.O. Box 9953 • Friendship Station
Washington, DC 20016

202-244-0800

**RESOLUTION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION
TO CONTROL D.C. HOMESTEADED PROPERTY TAXES
November 13, 2003**

1. Whereas many residential property owners within ANC-3E and other parts of the District, despite their homestead exemptions for property which they occupy, are, based on their proposed TY 04 reassessments, facing tax increases of 25% or more over what they paid last year, with increases in subsequent years again increasing by 25% or more;
2. Whereas annual residential property tax increases of 25% are essentially confiscatory in nature by almost tripling the tax due every three years, and go against a basic municipal planning objective of maintaining stable residential neighborhoods;
3. Whereas residential property owners within ANC-3E and other parts of the District are facing delays of five or more months in the hearing of their second-level appeals to the Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals (BRPAA); and
4. Whereas although ANC-3E is well aware of the District's fiscal situation and the chance of recurring deficits, it does not believe that the situation should be resolved and the budget balanced solely on the backs of DC owner-occupied, homesteaded residential property tax payers;

Now therefore, be it resolved that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3E:

1. Supports DC Council BILL #B15-303 - the OWNER OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL TAX CREDIT ACT OF 2003, introduced by Councilmembers Evans and Catania, which, for property owners residing in the property in question who have a valid Homestead exemption, regardless of the assessment increase over the previous year, the absolute amount of the property taxes will not increase more than 10% over that paid during the previous year;
2. Supports DC Council BILL #B15-188 - the HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2003, introduced by Councilmember Sharon Ambrose, which will increase the current residential homestead exemption from \$30,000.00 to \$100,000.00;
3. Suggests that, should the Council have to decide between passing Bill # B-15-303 and Bill #B15-188, preference should be given to Bill # B-15-303, on the grounds that it will provide more long-term protection;

4. Supports DC Council Bill #15-0210 - the EQUITY IN REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ACT OF 2004, introduced by Councilmembers Evans and Patterson, with the request that it be amended with the following additional provision:

In the case of second-level appeals of assessments of owner-occupied, residential property with a valid homestead exemption, where the appeals were filed in a timely manner but the BRPAA has not made a decision by the time that the first TY 04 property tax bill is due, the property owner will not be considered liable for any amount in excess of her or his first TY 03 property tax bill.

This resolution was passed by a vote of 4-0, a quorum being present, at ANC-3E's duly noticed November 13, 2003 public meeting.

Amy B. McVey, Chair_____

CC: Councilmember Patterson,
Councilmember Mr. Mendelson
Councilmember Brazil
Councilmember Catania
Councilmember Schwartz
Council Chair Cropp
Councilmember Evans
Councilmember Ambrose
Mayor Anthony Williams
Chief Financial Officer Gandhi
ANC Chairpersons