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#1E-2025-0304: RESOLUTION REQUESTING INFORMATION ON MPD'S INVOLVEMENT IN DOGE'S ENTRY INTO USIP, URGING OVERSIGHT HEARINGS, AND CALLING FOR IMPROVED JURISDICTIONAL COORDINATION

WHEREAS, A March 17, 2025, CNN article revealed that the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) assisted the Department of Governmental Engagement (DOGE) in physically breaching the headquarters of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), raising serious concerns about jurisdictional overreach, political interference, and the erosion of public trust in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, DOGE, which was reorganized under the Trump administration, has been accused of using its authority to execute politically motivated actions, including forcibly seizing control of USIP under the pretense of federal oversight, despite longstanding norms of institutional independence; and

WHEREAS, MPD officers were reportedly involved in securing the perimeter and providing logistical support to DOGE officials during this action, despite the fact that MPD's primary mandate is to serve the residents of the District of Columbia, not to participate in politically driven federal interventions; and

WHEREAS, The involvement of MPD in DOGE's aggressive tactics raises serious questions about the department's independence, the decision-making process behind its participation, and the potential for future conflicts between DC's local law enforcement priorities and federal overreach; and

WHEREAS, MPD's participation in this event is particularly concerning given the District's unique governance structure, where federal agencies already exert significant control over public safety, often to the detriment of local self-determination and accountability; and

WHEREAS, Unchecked collaboration between MPD and politically influenced federal entities like DOGE could set a dangerous precedent, allowing future administrations to use local law enforcement as a tool for partisan objectives rather than community protection; and

WHEREAS, The DC Council, particularly the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety chaired by Councilmember Brook Pinto, has direct oversight of MPD and must take immediate action to ensure that this kind of politically charged intervention does not happen again; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That ANC 1E calls on Councilmember Brook Pinto to hold an Oversight Hearing through the DC Council's Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety to understand MPD's role in the DOGE-led breach of USIP; examine who authorized MPD's involvement, what legal justifications were cited, and whether MPD leadership consulted DC government officials before cooperating with DOGE; and include testimony from MPD leadership, representatives from DOGE, legal experts on DC's jurisdictional authority, and community stakeholders concerned about MPD's role in federal actions; further

BE IT RESOLVED, That ANC 1E demands transparency and accountability from MPD by

- providing a full report on its involvement in the USIP breach, including internal communications, orders issued to officers, and any coordination with DOGE before or during the event;
- publishing the report for the public to review so MPD may restore trust and ensure MPD's operations remain accountable to DC residents rather than external political interests; further

BE IT RESOLVED, That ANC 1E urges law enforcement agencies to proactively prepare for addressing jurisdictional challenges by

- developing and publishing clear protocols defining MPD's role in federal actions, ensuring that local police are not co-opted for partisan or unconstitutional interventions;
- develop and implement targeted communications and training plan for District emergency response agencies to prepare and respond to jurisdictional confusion and challenges;
- requesting the DC Attorney General's Office to assess whether MPD's involvement in this operation violated local laws or DC's Home Rule authority and issue guidance on how to prevent such conflicts in the future; further

BE IT RESOLVED, That ANC 1E reaffirms the need for local control over MPD, and ANC 1E strongly opposes any efforts to further entangle MPD in politically motivated federal operations; further

BE IT RESOLVED, ANC 1E designates Commissioners Brian Footer and Josh Jacobson to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this Resolution. In the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, ANC 1E authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matter relating to this Resolution.

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Certification:

At a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting held on March 26, 2025, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1E considered the above resolution. With a quorum of 6 Commissioners present, the Commission voted with 6 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions, to adopt the above resolution.



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