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Resolution on the State of New Columbia

WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia achieved limited local governance rights readily afforded to residents of all U.S. states through the landmark passage of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act of 1973, popularly known as the D.C. Home Rule Act, which also includes the D.C. Charter; and

WHEREAS, D.C. residents are marking 40 years of limited self-government under Home Rule, which made progress in correcting the almost 100 preceding years of direct Congressional control; and

WHEREAS, the lack of sovereignty and Congressional representation for District residents constitute a fundamental deprivations of the basic norms of civic involvement that underpin democratic governance; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Carper of Delaware introduced S. 132, the “New Columbia Admission Act,” on January 24, 2013, which strikes a reasonable and legally defensible argument within the restrictions of Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the U.S. Constitution, which addresses Congress’s relationship with a federal district; and

WHEREAS, this Act is a companion to H.R. 292, introduced by D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, and follows several other pieces of legislation in the past that promoted D.C. statehood; and

WHEREAS, statehood for the District would rectify the “last great enfranchisement” struggle in our country by granting residents representation in Congress by two senators and an appropriate number of representatives – probably one, as is the case for Wyoming and Vermont – with full voting rights; and

WHEREAS, statehood for the District would also support an equivalent form of self-determination, as is enjoyed by all U.S. citizens residing in states – a deficiency highlighted by several Congressional actions in recent years that overturned the explicit desires of District residents made clear in referenda and legal and appropriate legislation passed by the D.C. Council; and

WHEREAS, the President has publically supported statehood for the District; and

WHEREAS, the future New Columbia would pass the three generally recognized Constitutional tests for statehood (Republican form of government; not formed out of an existing state or states; and being on an equal level with other states) and the two *de facto* requirements (that the residents support statehood and that it be of sufficient size and prosperity to sustain its existence); and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the reasons stated above, ANC 3F supports statehood for the District of Columbia; and

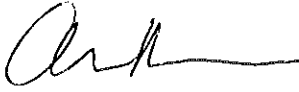
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3F calls on both houses of Congress to pass legislation creating the state of New Columbia and forward it to the President for signature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3F calls on the President to sign such an act into law upon receipt; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 3F calls on all legislatures in all U.S. states to pass Memorials or equivalent forms of legislation calling on Congress to pass an act that would create the state of New Columbia.

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ANC 3F approved this resolution at its meeting on December 16, 2014, which was properly noticed and a quorum present. The resolution was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.



Adam Tope, Chair