

ANCs: Your Neighborhood's Official Voice

DC is divided into eight Wards, and within them are **40 Advisory Neighborhood Commissions** (ANC), which are non-partisan bodies made up of locally elected representatives. Commissioners are elected to two-year terms to represent each of the **296 Single Member Districts**, which consist equally of about 2,000 people.

But why are ANCs important?

ANCs are your most local form of government and serve as your neighborhood's official voice in advising the DC government and federal agencies. Though they can't make laws or regulations, they can have a lot of influence over what happens in the District.

What kind of power do they have?

ANCs advise the DC Council and executive agencies on all sorts of public policy issues – including police and safety, the District's annual budget and economic development matters such as zoning, new businesses and housing.

District agencies are required to give ANC recommendations “great weight,” which is an important tool for ANCs and residents who live in the neighborhood to amplify their voice and concerns. Also, DC law says that District agencies cannot take any action that will significantly affect a neighborhood without giving ANCs 30 days of advance notice.

There are some critiques about this hyperlocal structure, and at times, ANCs can also reflect the inequities of DC with some commissioners having less flexible work schedules to testify at Council hearings. Regardless, it's important to pay attention to what your ANC commissioners are saying – essentially on your behalf.

How do I participate in my ANC?

Each ANC operates a bit differently. You can find a comprehensive list of their meetings here: <https://anc.dc.gov/events>.

The best way to get to know your ANC is to attend a meeting or reach out to your commissioner. You can find your ANC commissioner's phone number and email address at <https://anc.dc.gov/>.

Decoding Your ANC SMD

Knowing your Single Member District (SMD) can be very valuable. You can decode your district by breaking it into Ward, Subdivision, Single Member District.

For example:

8A05 = Ward 8, ANC A, and SMD 05

Find yours at

<http://bit.ly/whatsmyanc>

Find Your Advisory Neighborhood Commission

<https://anc.dc.gov/>

Ward 1

1A - Columbia Heights, Park View, Pleasant Plains
1B - U Street, Cardozo, Howard University, Pleasant Plains, LeDroit Park, Shaw
1C - Adams Morgan, Kalorama Heights, Lanier Heights, Western U Street
1D - Mount Pleasant

Ward 2

2A - Foggy Bottom, West End
2B - Dupont Circle
2C - Chinatown, Penn Quarter
2D - Kalorama, Sheridan
2E - Burleith, Georgetown, Hillandale
2F - Logan Circle

Ward 3

3B - Cathedral Heights, Glover Park
3C - Cathedral Heights, Cleveland Park, Massachusetts Heights, McLean Gardens, Woodley Park
3D - American University, Foxhall, Kent, The Palisades, Spring Valley, Wesley Heights
3E - American University Park, Friendship Heights, Tenleytown
3F - Forest Hills, North Cleveland Park, Tenleytown, Wakefield
3/4G - Chevy Chase

Ward 4

4A - Brightwood, Colonial Village, Crestwood, Shepherd Park, Sixteenth Street Heights
4B - Brightwood, Lamond-Riggs, Manor Park, Riggs Park, South Manor Park, Takoma, Fort Stevens Ridge
4C - Columbia Heights, Petworth, Sixteenth Street Heights
4D - Petworth, Brightwood Park

Ward 5

5A - North Michigan Park, Michigan Park, Fort Totten, Pleasant Hills, Fort Totten Park,

parts of Catholic University and other Catholic Institutions, parts of Riggs Park
5B - Brookland, University Heights, parts of Woodridge, parts of Queens Chapel, parts of Michigan Park
5C - Langdon, Fort Lincoln, Brentwood, Arboretum, Gateway, Mt. Olivet Cemetery
5D - Carver Langston, Trinidad, Gallaudet University, Ivy City, Capital City Market
5E - Bloomingdale, Edgewood, Eckington, Truxton Circle, Glenwood/St. Mary's Cemeteries, McMillan Sand Filtration Site

Ward 6

6A - North Lincoln Park, Rosedale, H St. corridor (eastern half)
6B - Barney Circle, Capitol Hill (southern half), Eastern Market
6C - Near Northeast, NoMa, Union Station, H St. corridor (western half)
6D - Carrollsburg, Fort McNair, Navy Yard, Near Southwest/Southeast, Waterfront
6E - LeDroit Park

Ward 7

7B - Fairfax Village, Hillcrest, Penn Branch, Randle Highlands
7C - Burrville, Deanwood, Grant Park, Lincoln Heights
7D - Eastland Gardens, Kenilworth, Kingman Park, Mayfair, River Terrace
7E - Benning Heights, Capitol View, Fort Davis, Marshall Heights
7F - Fort Dupont, Greenway,

Ward 8

8A - Anacostia, Fairlawn, Fort Stanton, Hilldale
8B - Garfield Heights, Knox Hill, Shipley Terrace
8C - Barry Farm, Bolling Air Force Base, Congress Heights, St. Elizabeths Hospital
8D - Bellevue, Far Southwest
8E - Congress Heights, Valley Green, Washington Highlands