

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSIONER FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

As an ANC Commissioner, what action must I take prior to “May 15th?”

Public Financial Disclosure Certifications are due on May 15th. The Public Financial Disclosure Certification form, however, is available on the Board of Ethics and Government Accountability’s (BEGA) website www.bega-dc.gov for you to complete prior to May 15th. You will receive a letter from BEGA by mid-April that outlines requirements for filing.

I am an ANC Commissioner, what Financial Disclosure(s) do I need to make? Must I do so now and, if so, with whom? Will it be public?

As an ANC Commissioner, you are now required to file a Financial Disclosure Certification with BEGA by May 15th of every year. (See, D.C. Code § 1-1162.25(a-1)(2)). The Financial Disclosure Certification that ANC Commissioners file is **public**. Unlike government employees and other elected officials each of whom must disclose the details of certain types of financial information about themselves and others, ANC Commissioners merely must certify that they are in compliance with their legal obligations (i.e., have not accepted money from prohibited sources, have not been offered bribes, etc.).

I am an ANC Commissioner. Can I file my Financial Disclosure Certification electronically?

Yes. You may file your Public Financial Disclosure Certification (“PFDC”) electronically at www.bega-dc.gov. You will receive a letter from BEGA in mid-April that includes a Login ID, Password, and PIN, which are required for you to file electronically.

If you choose not to file electronically, you must submit a hard copy of your Financial Disclosure Certification to:

The Board of Ethics and Government Accountability
441 4th Street NW
Suite 830 South
Washington, D.C. 20001

I am an ANC Commissioner as well as a District government employee. I have been designated by my agency head as an employee who must file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Statement. Am I required to file two separate forms -- the ANC Public Financial Disclosure Certification form and the Confidential Financial Disclosure Statement form?

Yes. ANC Commissioners are required to file the ANC Public Financial Disclosure Certification with BEGA, while designated employees are required to file Confidential Financial Disclosure Statements with their agency heads. Because the forms require an

original signature and must be kept with the respective recipient (BEGA or the agency head), the filer must file these two separate Financial Disclosure forms.

If I was a candidate for ANC Commissioner in 2013 do I need to complete and submit a Public Financial Disclosure Certification?

Yes. As a candidate for ANC Commissioner, whether you were successful or unsuccessful, you were still considered a “public official” pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1161.01(47)(A). Therefore, you must file a Public Financial Disclosure Certification.