



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B

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RE: Proposed Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Improvements at the Intersection of 16th Street and Church Street NW and the Intersection of 16th Street and P Street NW

Dear Mr. Dey and Commander Gresham:

At its regular meeting on July 11, 2018, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2B) has heard from the community about issues concerning pedestrian and cyclist safety at the intersection of 16th Street and Church Street NW and the intersection of 16th Street and P Street NW,

WHEREAS, at the midblock crosswalks located at the intersection of 16th Street and Church Street NW, pedestrians are often faced with unsafe crossing conditions due to speeding and traffic not yielding to the right of way of pedestrians wishing to cross,

WHEREAS, at the signaled crosswalks located at the intersection of 16th Street and P Street NW, pedestrians and cyclists are often faced with unsafe crossing conditions due to speeding traffic and the “running” of red lights,

WHEREAS, both locations experience heavy pedestrian traffic and are located near major destinations such as Foundry United Methodist Church and the Edlavitch Jewish Community Center of Washington, D.C., both located in single-member district 2B05, which are community institutions that specifically serve and are frequented by the elderly, people with disabilities, and children attending day and summer camps,

WHEREAS, the nearby Stead Park, located in single-member district 2B05, is a prominent park and playground that is popular with children,

WHEREAS, the elderly, people with disabilities, and children are particularly vulnerable to traffic incidents at crosswalks and intersections,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B supports a system of traffic safety that includes enhancements to safety engineering in the neighborhood, a focus on education of safe driving, bicycling, and walking behaviors, proper enforcement of the rules of the road, and a strong emergency response system in case of a traffic accident,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B is committed to continuing this vital conversation with residents and business owners on how best to ensure safety for the traveling public, and

WHEREAS, progress on traffic safety issues is only possible through a neighborhood-wide and city-wide approach.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the District Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Police Department support enhanced enforcement and educational efforts and infrastructure safety improvements at the intersection of 16th Street and Church Street NW and the intersection of 16th Street and Church Street NW.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the District Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Police Department study and consider the following tactics to encourage safer pedestrian, cyclist, and motorist transit conditions, including but not limited to:

- enhanced patrol enforcement and educational efforts by Metropolitan Police Department,
- the installation of automated photo enforcement cameras as at the intersection of 16th Street and P Street NW,
- improved signs and markings,
- the installation of HAWK (High-Intensity Activated crossWalk) signals or similar instruments at the intersection of 16th Street and Church Street NW,
- assessment and potential modification of street lighting, and
- the left hand turn lane and any potential pedestrian conflicts near the intersection of 16th Street and P Street NW.

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Daniel Warwick
Chair