



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

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RE: Adding Signage for Existing Banned Turns on Red

Dear Director Marootian, Director Babers, Commander Bedlion, and Commander Emerman:

At its special meeting on February 5, 2019, 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 safety of bicyclists and pedestrians is a high priority for the District of Columbia,

WHEREAS, the DC Council has adopted a Vision Zero policy to work toward zero deaths and serious injuries on our roadways,

WHEREAS, left turns from a one-way street onto another one-way street on red are illegal under District law, except where otherwise posted,

WHEREAS, compliance with this law is very lax, especially in the downtown area,

WHEREAS, the L Street cycletrack runs along the north side of L Street NW, which is one-way, in ANC 2A and ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, drivers making illegal left turns on red from southbound one-way streets at 23rd Street, 21st Street, and 19th Street onto L Street NW endanger cyclists in the L Street cycletrack and pedestrians,

WHEREAS, the 15th Street cycletrack runs along the west side of 15th Street, which is one-way, in ANC 2B,

WHEREAS, drivers making illegal left turns on red from eastbound one-way streets at Q Street and T Street onto 15th Street NW endanger cyclists in the 15th Street cycletrack and pedestrians, and

WHEREAS, “No Turn On Red” signs would educate drivers as to the existing law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the District Department of Transportation immediately install “No Turn on Red” signage at the intersection of 19th Street and L Street NW, the intersection of 21st Street and L Street NW, the intersection of 23rd Street and L Street NW, the intersection of 15th Street and Q Street NW, and the intersection of 15th Street and T Street NW. Such signage does not create a new restriction, as these left turns are already illegal, but calls attention to existing District law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B requests that the Metropolitan Police Department undertakes enforcement of drivers making illegal left turns at these intersections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the DC Department of Motor Vehicles, the District Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Police Department to make every effort to educate drivers in the District, including out-of-state drivers, on the law regarding the illegality of left turns on red within the District of Columbia.

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, flowing style.

Daniel Warwick
Chair