



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

August 21, 2021

Mr. Wasim Raja  
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RE: The District Department of Transportation's Notice of Intent for the Establishment of "No Turn on Red" at the Intersection of 18th Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW (NOI #21-160-TESD)

Dear Mr. Raja:

At its regular meeting on August 11, 2021, 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 District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has issued Notice of Intent (NOI) #21-160-TESD to prohibit right turns on a red signal for drivers turning from Massachusetts Avenue onto 18th Street NW,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has previously supported efforts to reduce the frequency of right turns on red,

WHEREAS, the dangers of right turns at red lights have been confirmed in studies beginning with the 1984 study by Paul Zador on behalf of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes would improve the safety of the intersection and enhance traffic safety for all roadway users and mitigate the frequency of crashes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B supports DDOT's proposal as expressed in the NOI to prohibit right turns on red and install signage that clearly communicates this rule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT to consider expanding this prohibition to more intersections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT to implement this and other safety protocols based on real world behavior rather than ideal compliance and consider other ways to improve safety at this intersection.

Commissioners Mo Pasternak ([2B04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B04@anc.dc.gov)) and Matthew Holden ([2B08@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B08@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Holden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew Holden  
Chair