



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

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RE: Killing of Nijad Huseynov at the Intersection of Connecticut Avenue and L Street NW

Dear Director Kershbaum and Councilmember Allen,

At its regular meeting on November 8, 2023, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 8 of 8 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0):

WHEREAS, Nijad Huseynov was a 24 year old man from Azerbaijan attending the George Washington University to earn his graduate degree in computer science and data analytics,

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, Mr. Huseynov was riding a bicycle eastbound on the 1700 block of L Street NW in the bike lane when he was struck by a driver traveling northbound on Connecticut Avenue NW at approximately 12:44 am,

WHEREAS, Mr. Huseynov succumbed to his injuries on Saturday, October 21, 2023,

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) reports that, so far in 2023, there have been 42 traffic fatalities District-wide, nearly half of which were bicycle riders, scooter riders, and pedestrians (2 each of the former, 16 of the latter),

WHEREAS, DDOT data also indicates that, so far in 2023, 123 pedestrians and 40 bicyclists suffered major injuries,

WHEREAS, the design of the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and L Street NW makes it too easy for collisions between bicycles and vehicles to occur as the Connecticut Avenue NW median extends into the left turn space, making it physically impossible for a left-turning driver to stay out of the bike lane while proceeding,

WHEREAS, who was at fault for a crash is a secondary concern behind roadway designs that do not adequately discourage or protect against oversights or bad decisions by the users,

WHEREAS, DDOT's fatality report mentioned signal timing and sight lines along Connecticut Avenue NW, suggesting adjustment to the length of all-red phase as well as landscaping changes to improve visibility,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B has put a considerable years-long effort into advocating for vastly improved safety for vulnerable street users in Dupont Circle and across the District, including significant upgrades for the L Street NW and M Street NW bike lanes and the intersections surrounding them, and

WHEREAS, the current state of DC's Vision Zero program is so broken due to inadequate funding and a complete oversight failure to compel adherence and compliance by DC Government agencies that it has had the exact opposite effect of increasing injuries and fatalities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B conveys our condolences, sympathy, and wishes for healing to the family and friends of Mr. Huseynov.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges DDOT and the Vision Zero team to implement a timely program to assess and correct design weaknesses or failures of intersections across the District, with special attention to those interacting with bike lanes, to improve safety for all, especially the most vulnerable non-vehicular users.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B urges the DC Council to pass DC Council Bill B25-0296 – the “Prioritizing People in Planning Amendment Act of 2023.”

Commissioners Jeffrey Rueckgauer ([2B02@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B02@anc.dc.gov)) and Meg Roggensack ([2B01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2B01@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 "Meg Roggensack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Meg Roggensack  
Chair