

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



January 23, 2006

Chief Charles Ramsey Metropolitan Police Department 300 Indiana Avenue NW Washington, DC 20001

Councilmember Sharon Ambrose 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite #102 Washington, DC 20004

Ms. Diane Lucas United States Attorney's Office 555 4th Street, NW Washington, DC 20530

Mr. Edward D. Reiskin, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 327 Washington, DC 20004

Chief Ramsey, Councilmember Ambrose, Attorney Lucas, and Deputy Mayor Reiskin:

Our Commission is invites you to attend a crime forum to address the serious and dangerous situation in the area ranging from 14th and 21st Streets NE between C Street NE and Benning Road /H Street corridor. Hopefully, you have been following the surge of violence - specifically, the multiple shootings taking place on our streets. Although efforts have been made (i.e., Operation Fight Back) toward securing peace in this area, the violence continues. This is a dangerous situation with citizens being physically threatened if they work with the police.

Police Service Area 103 (PSA 103) has been working hard to try and solve this problem with the Metropolitan Police Department. The First District, led by Commander Groomes, has assisted PSA 103 to develop and implement a plan in November of last year. While we have a working plan, our community would like to discuss specific strategies to combat the individuals who are infecting our neighborhood with fear and violence.

Our Commission supports this request for a violent crimes public forum. It is clear that we need all available government resources to halt this violent drug-related activity. Our Commission's Public Safety Committee Chair, Ms. Stephanie Nixon, will be contacting your respective office's to coordinate a date and time for this forum in the late Spring or early Summer. In the interim, we would like to invite representatives from your staffs to attend a planning session on *Partnerships for Problem Solving with Civic Leaders* at the February 8, 2006, PSA 103 meeting at Miner Elementary School at 7:00pm.

Respectfully

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6a

cc:

Commander Diane Groomes Lieutenant Renato Caldwell Peter Jones, Neighborhood Services Coordinator Kingman Park Civic Association Councilmember Phil Mendelson Councilmember Vincent Grey ANC 7D01 Commissioner, Veronica Raglin Rosedale Citizens Alliance