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Dear General Counsel Ryan:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 14, 2006, with a quorum present, our Commission voted to request that the General Counsel at Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) change the recently implemented operational policy with regards to the release of crime statistics for specific addresses from allowing release without Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to requiring FOIA requests for all non-government requests including ANCs.

We understand and respect concerns for privacy of individuals at various addresses, but would appreciate special allowances for ANC FOIA requests. Often ANCs are asked to weigh in on various community projects (e.g., housing), crime (e.g., nuisance properties), etc. To fully understand what may be involved, we need the crime statistics for specific addresses, if requested.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the current policy be modified. One suggestion for the modification follows: ANC requests that receive approval by local Police Service Area Lieutenants for the validity/appropriateness of the requests given the weight of the data provided by the public to the ANC and/or MPD may receive crime statistics for a specific location.

If you have any questions, please contact ANC 6A Public Safety Committee Chair, Stephanie Nixon, at (202)222-8570.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Fengler".

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

CC: Mayor Adrian Fenty
Councilmember Tommy Wells
Chief Kathy Lanier
Assistant Chief Brian Jordan