



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



May 15, 2011

Mayor Vincent Gray
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 316
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Support for a waiver of signature requirements to close H Street NE for the 2011 H Street Festival

Dear Mayor Gray,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on May 12, 2011, our Commission voted 8-0-0, with 5 required for a quorum, to support a waiver of signature requirements to close H Street NE for the 2011 H Street Festival.

As you know, the H Street Festival has grown tremendously in recent years with the 2010 Festival drawing more than 30,000 people. We expect an even larger turnout for the 2011 Festival.

Given that the H Street Festival is a well-advertised event, held on a commercial corridor, and enjoys broad support throughout the surrounding community, we believe that requiring 90% of the residents within 500 feet of the proposed street closing to sign a petition of support is an unnecessary burden on the time and resources of the Festival's organizers.

As a result, we ask that you waive the petition requirements. In addition, we invite you to join us at this year's H Street Festival on September 17, 2011.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes
Chair

cc: Tommy Wells, Ward 6 Councilmember