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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Mayor Muriel Bowser, Members of the Council of the District of Columbia
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Support for immigrants and refugees in our community

Dear Mayor Bowser and Members of the Council,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on February 9, 2017,¹ our Commission voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum), to express our support for the diversity that is the strength of our community and the District of Columbia as a whole.

Our neighborhood, encompassing the areas north of Lincoln Park, the H Street Corridor, and the Rosedale Community, is a diverse and growing area that benefits from neighbors who have moved to D.C. from around the country and around the globe as well as those who are lifelong residents. The infusion of different cultures and ideas enriches our daily lives and leads to a more vibrant community. Creating a welcoming and safe environment for our neighbors has always been, and will always remain, a top priority of our Commission.

We, as a Commission, are welcoming of all immigrants into our community including those who are fleeing their homelands to escape terror or oppression. As Commissioners, we work for the people who live in our ANC regardless of their race, religion, beliefs, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

Our commitment to these principles guides us in the decisions we make as we serve our community. We feel that the racial, ethnic and cultural diversity of the District is an emblem of pride and strength. As we move forward over the coming weeks, months, and years, we urge the Administration and the Council to continue to demonstrate your similar commitment to standing for these shared values.

Thank you for considering our views and for your service to all District residents.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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