

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



July 20, 2015

Acting Director Jonathan Kayne Department General Services 2000 14th Street, NW, 8th Floor Washington, DC 20009

Re: Exterior cameras for Madison Building and Sherwood Recreation Center

Dear Acting Director Kayne:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on July 9, 2015, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the District Department of General Services (DGS) take immediate steps to install additional security cameras on the exterior of the Madison Building (651 10<sup>th</sup> St NE) and Sherwood Recreation Center (640 10<sup>th</sup> St NE).

The intersection of these two DGS-controlled buildings at 10<sup>th</sup> and G Street NE pose certain challenges for the surrounding community. In recent years, the lack of adequate exterior security cameras has contributed to a number of unresolved incidents nearby. Between the Madison building, the Sherwood Recreation Center, and the School Within a School at Goding building, DGS controls nearly three quarters of the land on the 600 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Street NE. None of these buildings provide proverbial eyes on the street after dark and exterior security cameras are necessary to help offset the ensuing issues that stem from that fact.

Thank you for giving great weight to this recommendation of ANC 6A. I can be reached at <a href="mailto:PhilANC6A@gmail.com">PhilANC6A@gmail.com</a> should you or your staff have any questions regarding this matter.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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cc: Councilmember Charles Allen

Keith Anderson, Department of Parks and Recreation Mayor's Office on Community Relations and Services

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