



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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June 9, 2017

Ana Harvey
Director, D.C. Department of Small Local Business Development
441 4th Street, NW Suite 850N
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Director Harvey:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on June 8, 2017¹, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request the D.C. Department of Small Local Business Development include Benning Road N.E. in Clean Team funding to allow for cleaning services in this part of our community. We understand from Anwar Saleem, Executive Director of H Street Main Street, that they responded to a FY-18 Request for Applications (RFA) to provide cleaning services from the Starburst Intersection of Benning Road, NE to Anacostia Road along Benning Road, NE and offer our support for that application.

H Street Main Street currently manages cleaning services along H Street NE, a 1.5-mile corridor, and services 50 feet of the residential streets off the corridor and along Bladensburg Road from Mt Olivet Road, NE to the Starburst Plaza. They have long provided jobs and training to those who are at-risk and have provided them with livable wages and would like to extend those same exact opportunities along the Benning Road service area where there is a great need for this service.

ANC6A strongly endorses and supports the extending of Clean Team services to the Benning Road Corridor and would appreciate its inclusion in DSLBD's plans for this year. The Benning Road Corridor has long been an underdeveloped but popular area for residents of Capitol Hill and Northeast DC. The corridor houses landmarks such as Kingsman Park, the Langston Golf Course, Hechinger Mall, and now the DC Streetcar and its facility, the DC Streetcar Car Barn Training Center. Unfortunately, it lacks adequate cleaning currently.

With the DC Streetcar now in daily operation, it has begun to attract more riders and tourists who patronize the businesses in the area, explore investment opportunities or become neighborhood residents in this area at the intersection of Wards 5, 6 and 7. With all of this in consideration, the Benning Road NE area needs consistent cleaning and landscaping services for everyone to enjoy these otherwise beautiful neighborhoods.

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H Street Main Street has been recognized across the United States and is committed to cleaning and landscaping as an essential component of this renewal and revitalization process and a symbol of an improved quality of life along Benning Road NE. Please join us in supporting the installation of Clean Team for Benning Road NE.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6
Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Ward 7
Councilmember Kenyon McDuffie, Ward 5
H Street Main Street