



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

Mr. Seth MillerGabriel
Director
Office of Public-Private Partnerships
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 533
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Installation of LED street lights

Dear Mr. MillerGabriel:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on June 8, 2017, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send this letter expressing our concerns over the installation of high-Kelvin Light-Emitting Diode (LED) street lights and support for your office's exploration into using lower, 3000-Kelvin lights and installing fully shielded light fixtures.

It has come to our attention that the Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) will manage a project to install LED street lights throughout the District of Columbia. We commend the District for taking on this extensive project that will greatly improve energy efficiency, reduce the District's carbon footprint and save taxpayer dollars. However, we are concerned about the impact that certain types of exceedingly bright LED lights may have on residents' health and well-being as well as on urban wildlife.

We understand that your office is currently evaluating the feasibility of using less harsh, 3000-Kelvin LED lights, and we would like to express our support for this change in the citywide plan. A number of organizations, including the American Medical Association and the Sierra Club, have raised concerns about the impacts of high-intensity ambient lighting on human sleep cycles, visibility and wildlife. The use of lower-Kelvin lighting would avoid an unnecessary negative impact on residents and save the district from a potential future replacement of higher-intensity light bulbs. We would also like to express support for ensuring all street light fixtures are shielded so as to keep ambient light from shining into residents' homes and disturbing airborne wildlife.

Finally, we have been informed that OP3 is considering installing high-Kelvin LED street lights along Massachusetts Avenue from Stanton Park to Lincoln Park. ANC 6A was not consulted regarding this decision, and given that lower-Kelvin lighting is not yet

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available, we urge your office to revisit and to consult with ANC 6A on any future installation within our boundaries.

Thank you for considering our concerns about this important matter for our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me at philanc6a@gmail.com to discuss this matter further.

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A