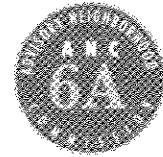


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Phil Mendelson, Councilmember  
Chair, Committee on the Public Safety and Judiciary  
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Councilmember Mendelson:

At our regularly scheduled meeting on March 8, 2007, with a quorum present, we voted unanimously to support the following recommendations for the 2007 Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Budget, particularly as referenced below for the 1<sup>st</sup> District and Patrol Service Areas (PSAs) 102 and 103.

First, with the development of Benning Road and H Street NE, it is necessary to have a facility (e.g., station or substation) where Patrol Service Area 102 and 103 officers can be housed. In addition, the facility should be flexible to accommodate Fifth District officers working the same corridor on an as needed basis. There is not enough space to adequately incorporate the officers of PSA 102 and 103 into the existing First District stations. Accordingly, it would seem prudent to go a step further and create a First and Fifth District joint operations unit to facilitate a safer Benning Road / H Street NE Corridor as these two police districts need to share techniques, tactics and procedures to combat crime on this emerging corridor.

Second, we request that the number of officers Patrol Service Areas 102 and 103 be increased to appropriate levels. PSA 102 is allotted 45 officers (10 unavailable) and PSA 103 is allotted 50 officers (2 unavailable). There is a need for full staffing in these PSAs at all times and such staffing should account for the number of officers detailed outside of the PSAs or officers on administrative leave. If an increase in officers can not be supported, then we request that Chief Lanier and Council consider adjusting allocation of resources to provide full staffing of these PSAs.

Please note, MPD officers respond to after-hours calls that would typically be handled by other District agencies (e.g., noise, illegal construction, illegal dumping, etc.). Furthermore, not only is full staffing needed to maintain peace, order, and quiet, but to all police officers to receive appropriate leave so as they can maintain happy and productive lives at work and home as well as to attain the education that MPD requires these officers to complete.

Our Commission has authorized Commissioner Stephanie Nixon, or her designee, to provide testimony at the committee's hearings.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

CC: Chief Cathy Lanier, Metropolitan Police Department  
Councilmember Tommy Wells, Ward 6  
Commander Diane Groomes, First District