

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



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Councilmember Phil Mendelson Chair, Judiciary Committee Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Ste 402 Washington, DC 20004

## Councilmember Mendelson:

At our regularly scheduled meeting on June 14, 2007 with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to support the proposed "Hot-spot No Loitering Zone Act Amendment of 2007" with the following suggestions.

- Offer proposed text amendment for public opinion.
- Define terms "hot spot" and "warm spot" in the DCMR to avoid any potential future misunderstandings in enforcing the legislation.
- Change lines 30-34 to indicate that the "Hot Spot No Loitering Zone" may be in effect for a maximum three months, whereby it will then be reviewed by the Chief of Police and either extended or terminated. This suggestion is based upon Baltimore's existing antiloitering legislation to promote a more objective review of "hot-spot zones".

Our Commission is dedicated to providing the tools necessary to the Metropolitan Police Department to improve the safety our city. We thank you for time and leadership on this legislation.

On behalf of the commission,

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

CC: Councilmember Tommy Wells, Councilmember Kwame R. Brown Councilmember Carol Schwartz Councilmember David Catania Councilmember Mary Cheh Chief Cathy Lanier, Metropolitan Police Department

Commander Diane Groomes, 1st District