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February 13, 2015

Ms. Tanya Mitchell  
District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency  
(HSEMA)  
2720 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20032

Re: 2015 Rock 'n' Roll USA Marathon & Half Marathon

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on February 12, 2015, our Commission voted 8-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to support the 2015 Rock 'n' Roll USA Marathon & Half Marathon.

We are pleased with the effects of the course changes the sponsor made for the 2013 race. These changes were maintained for this year's race, and our ANC will not be encircled by the race and its street closures. Organizers have also committed to an extensive community notification plan which includes posting road closure signs all along and near the race route, as well as leaving door-hangers at residences along and near the route. A notice will also be placed in our local community newspaper, the Hill Rag.

In years past, members of the community expressed concerns regarding pickup of trash, clothing and signs, as well as exhaust fumes of many trucks waiting to clean up the course. After meeting with race organizers, we have been assured that clean-up trucks will not be permitted to idle and that promotional clothing items (which were littered along the race course in 2013) will not be distributed. Our ANC has also been assured that trash pick-up will occur immediately following the event and all posted signs will be removed the day after.

Finally, in previous years, a concert was staged in Lincoln Park, creating loud, amplified music in a densely populated residential area. Neighbors expressed concern with the loud noise, and organizers have consequently promised that no amplified music or performances will occur in Lincoln Park this year.

Given the race organizers' responsiveness and their commitment to meeting the above conditions, ANC 6A is pleased to support this event.

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<sup>1</sup> ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the [anc6a-announce@googlegroups.com](mailto:anc6a-announce@googlegroups.com), ANC-6A and NewHillEast yahoogroups, on the Commission's website, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.



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On behalf of the Commission,

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