

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



March 13, 2007

Councilmember Harry Thomas Chair, Libraries, Parks, and Recreation Committee Council of the District of Columbia 1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 402 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Councilmember Thomas:

At our regularly scheduled meeting on March 8, 2007, with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to support funding for a new building for the Rosedale Recreation Center.

On February 16, 2007, our Commission approached your committee with significant concerns about the structure and operation of Rosedale Recreation Center. Now we come to you with request for capital funding of a new Rosedale Recreation Center for the Community. In early 2005, Commissioner Gladys Mack proposed construction of a new Rosedale Recreation Center. In 2006, citizens began forming a coalition, including such groups as Rosedale Youth Institute, ACORN, Rosedale Citizens Alliance, and the Pilgrim African Methodist Episcopal Church to obtain funding for a new recreation center.

We need a new facility to provide a safe harbor for our children -- a place that brings peace and joy to this community.

We respectfully request that you will provide the necessary funds to make Rosedale Recreation Center a state-of-the-art facility. In the interim, we seek continued support for the necessary maintenance and minor improvements to make this facility a safe for continued community use.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

CC: Councilmember Tommy Wells, Ward 6

Marcus Ellis, DPR, Ward 6