

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



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Joseph Fengler Chair Ward Six Redistricting Committee

At its regularly monthly meeting held on July 14, 2011, ANC 6A voted unanimously to ask that the Kingman Park community, currently organized as ANC 7D01, be invited to join Ward 6 in a cross-Ward ANC.

Kingman Park (KP) is physically adjacent to the current ANC 6A. Its citizens share our problems and possibilities. They were part of ANC 6A before the last census. They are now and will remain part of Ward 7, but there's a community of interest and opportunity that we share with Kingman Park.

Like us, they will have to deal with the upcoming development of Benning Road . The streetcars will pull new apartment/condo buildings and new businesses east towards the River. We need jointly to keep this growth livable rather than massive. It makes sense to join our four blocks of Benning Road, close to Hechinger Plaza, to Kingman Park's six blocks extending out to the RFK parking lot.

We sought to keep Rosedale in Ward 6, while Kingman Park fought to rejoin us. We believe we should be together, to work mutually across Ward boundaries. There is good precedent for mixed Ward ANCs including ANC3/4G and ANC 6D (which includes parts of Ward 2)

This joint ANC would allow Kingman Park to have a voice with two Councilmembers, and the rest of us in northeast Ward 6 a chance to ride into the sympathies and concerns of the Ward 7 Councilmember as she tries to help the part of her Ward located west of the River.

We ask that the current 7D01 (known as Kingman Park) become partners with ANC 6A in the 2011 ANC redistricting process. We ask that they be joined with us, the current ANC 6A, as a cross-Ward ANC.

on behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes