



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
919 Massachusetts Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002



May 12, 2012

Jesus Aguirre, Director  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
1250 U Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Director Aguirre,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A has voted to oppose a proposed event at Sherwood Recreation Center, characterized as a Fathers' Day celebration.

The recent experience of the local community and observations by Commissioners of this event place us in opposition. The motion passed, 7-1-0, with five required for a quorum. The May 10, 2012 ANC meeting was properly noticed and publicly announced<sup>1</sup>.

You have in your files a letter from then-Commander David Kamperin of the MPD First District. He stated that there were several police calls in response to problems at the event.

It's my observation that the organizers flatly deny there were any problems or misbehavior - public drunkenness and urination, illegal street closures, open carry of alcoholic beverages, etc. Perhaps they did not see these activities, which are so repugnant to the neighborhood. Despite the Commander's letter, the organizers continue to assert this is a fully controlled simple family event. Unfortunately, that has not been the case.

In addition to our normal interest in protecting the Center and its users, this past bad behavior has taken place across the street from the House of Ruth, a womens' shelter, and from the senior housing at Capitol Towers.

Respectfully,

David Holmes  
Chair

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<sup>1</sup> ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on [anc-6a@yahoogroups.com](mailto:anc-6a@yahoogroups.com) (not controlled by the ANC), our [anc6a-announce@yahoo.com](mailto:anc6a-announce@yahoo.com) email list, and through advertisements in the *Hill Rag*.