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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Mr. Rick Rybeck
District Department of Transportation
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Re: Car Share Parking Enforcement

Mr. Rybeck:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on October 12, 2006, our Commission voted to support your efforts to implement greater enforcement of illegal parking in car share-designated spaces. Concerns have been raised by neighbors using car share parking spaces in our community, and in particular the parking space located on 12th Street NE, just south of H Street NE. It is our understanding that when a car is illegally parked in a car sharing parking space:

- During the workday, the car-share company calls Parking Enforcement at the Mayor's call center. Parking Enforcement then takes about an hour to respond and issue a ticket.
- On the weekend or after hours, the car-share company calls 311 for the police to respond. The police take about 30 minutes to respond and issue a ticket.
- Once the vehicle is ticketed, the car-share company contacts the tow company. However, before a vehicle is towed, a ticket number must be given to the tow company.

However, both Flexcar and Zip Car have expressed frustration with this process as it causes enforcement problems District-wide and is far more problematic than in other jurisdictions in Virginia and Maryland. Accordingly, we encourage District Department of Transportation (DDOT) efforts to work with other city agencies towards a creative solution. One suggestion would be to authorize private tow companies to tow illegally parked cars, as is done in Arlington County. This would remove illegally parked cars immediately and provide a greater deterrent to this illegal parking problem than the process outlined above.

Absent an alternative solution, we believe better coordination between agencies is necessary to address this issue properly. We look forward to your response. If you have any questions, please contact ANC 6A Transportation Committee Chair Omar Mahmud at (202) 546-1520.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: William Howland, Director, Department of Public Works
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