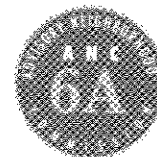


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William O. Howland, Jr.
Department of Public Works
Government of the District of Columbia
2000 14th Street NW 6th Floor
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Re: Public Trash Can Modified Lid Pilot Program

Mr. Howland:

At our March 8, 2007, Commission meeting, and with the required quorum present, we voted unanimously to request the Department of Public Works (DPW) initiate a pilot program along Maryland Avenue between 7th and 15th Streets NE to modify or replace existing public trash can lids to prevent the placement of large bags of household garbage in public trash cans.

We believe this pilot project will prove successful at eliminating the abuse, reduce the need for enforcement, and improve the cleanliness of our streets. Specifically, this would prevent bulky objects from being placed in the public trash cans and maintain adequate space for the intended use of handheld trash.

The residents of Capitol Hill appreciate the presence of the public trash cans on our streets which provide a place for handheld trash, dog waste, and other debris to be properly disposed. Currently these cans are primarily located at bus stops. We view these public trash cans as an essential tool in the effort to combat public littering, which can negatively affect the image of the neighborhood and the quality of life of the citizenry.

Unfortunately, these trash cans are often utilized by residents for the disposal of bags of household trash, which quickly fills the can rendering them useless to the passing pedestrian. Request for the placement of additional street cans are denied, with the reason stated, that these cans are not being properly utilized which creates an undue burden on the collection crews.

In close, we welcome the opportunity to work with DPW to implement this pilot program. If you have any questions, please contact Commissioner William "Bill" Schultheiss by e-mail (schlthss@yahoo.com) or telephone (202-543-5003).

On behalf of the Commission

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Councilmember Tommy Wells