



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
P. O. Box 75115
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October 14, 2012

Ms. Catrina Felder Harrison
District Department of Transportation
Public Space Committee
55 M Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Public Space permit for a bench at 900 G Street, NE

Dear Ms. Harrison,

At Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A's (ANC) regularly scheduled and publicly announced¹ meeting on October 11, 2012, the Commission voted 6 – 0 – 0 to oppose the proposal for a bench in public space at the Capitol Hill Towers (CHT).

We have several objections:

The planned undivided 72" bench will become a convenient sleeping spot;

There has been vigorous neighborhood opposition to a near-by bench (now removed) as it became a site for drug sales and public drunkenness;

We are currently having trouble with the sale of drugs and sex directly across the street on the steps to the Sherwood Recreation Center; and

The proposed location is perfect for individuals to set up to importune entering and departing residents of Capitol Hill Towers for donations.

We believe the bench should be placed behind the CHT fence.

Omar Mahmud and David Holmes are authorized to act on behalf of the ANC in this matter. Should you have any questions about this matter, please email Omar Mahmud of our ANC's Transportation and Public Space Committee at mahmud6a01@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes, Chair

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