



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
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October 23, 2020

Commander William FitzGerald  
Fifth District, Metropolitan Police Department  
1805 Bladensburg Road NE  
Washington, DC 20002

Re: Police Interaction with the Public during the Covid-19 Epidemic

Dear Commander FitzGerald,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on October 8, 2020, our Commission voted 6-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to express our concerns regarding testimony received during the ANC 6A Community Listening Session of August 24, 2020. At that meeting, community member Mr. Rico Dancy, who self identified as being deaf/hard of hearing, said that MPD officers that responded to him on a call were not inclined to contact an interpreter for him.

In addition, Mr. Dancy and others have said officers have not been wearing face masks when interacting with the public. The ANC requests that all MPD officers remain in compliance with present health and safety guidelines and regulations pertaining to ensuring reasonable accommodations for all community members, including sign language interpretation.

Thank you for giving consideration to our ANC's feedback on this issue. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [amberanc6a@gmail.com](mailto:amberanc6a@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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<sup>1</sup> ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the [anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com](mailto:anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com), [anc-6a@yahoogroups.com](mailto:anc-6a@yahoogroups.com), and [newhilleast@groups.io](mailto:newhilleast@groups.io), at [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org), and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.