

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



May 22, 2021

Everett Lott, Acting Director D.C. Department of Transportation 250 M Street, SE Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC 6A Support for Reserved Parking for HIPS in front of 906 H Street NE

Dear Director Lott:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on May 13, 2021, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to send a letter to your agency in support of creating a dedicated parking spot for HIPS in front of their location at 906 H Street NE from 11:00 pm -6:00 am, seven days a week, with the option of a PUDO (pick up/drop off space) during the other hours.

HIPS provides a vital public health service to vulnerable people in Washington D.C. by conducting overnight outreach to distribute information, water, Naloxone, and syringe exchange. During the pandemic, HIPS has not ceased their work and has continued to enroll clients. As a HIPS representative explained to the ANC's Transportation and Public Space Committee on April 19, 2021, HIPS conducts this work overnight using a van to transport volunteers and staff to outreach sites in the city. In order to facilitate these activities, HIPS needs a dedicated parking space in front of its office on 906 H Street NE for the outreach van, as the alley is too narrow.

ANC 6A supports HIPS' vital public health work. Dedicated overnight parking for the HIPS outreach van would be an appropriate and beneficial allocation of public space. The space could be set aside as a pick up/drop off zone (PUDO) during the daytime hours.

Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at <u>AmberANC6A@gmail.com</u>.

On Behalf of the Commission,

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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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