



**ANC 6A RESOLUTION NO. 2021-003**

*Resolution on The Negative Impact of Fencing Around the U.S. Capitol on Local Transportation*

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Capitol Police, in coordination with the District of Columbia, the DC National Guard, the U.S. Secret Service, and other federal and state agencies have retreated the perimeter around the U.S. Capitol Building to around the Capitol Grounds with fencing that continues to block sidewalk access;

**WHEREAS**, the bike/pedestrian paths on U.S. Capitol Grounds currently within the secure perimeter serve as a critical corridor to connect across quadrants of the city for cyclists and pedestrians;

**WHEREAS**, the bike racks that allow visitors to park bicycles on the Capitol grounds are currently not accessible;

**WHEREAS**, the bike/pedestrian paths and bike racks have not been shown to represent a security threat;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Capitol Grounds serve as important green and civic spaces for the residents of the District of Columbia;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, ANC6A requests that the DC Office of the Mayor and the DC Council strongly oppose permanent fencing, and work with the U.S. Capitol Police to ensure that bicycle and pedestrian access through the Capitol Grounds is eventually restored.

While the fencing remains, immediate changes are needed for public safety. Specifically, protected bike lanes and extended ADA-compliant sidewalk space on Constitution Avenue and Independence Avenue must be implemented to facilitate free movement around the Capitol Square.

When access is restored, sufficient space must be provided to allow both pedestrians and cyclists to move safely.

If new permanent security measures are put into place, ANC 6A requests that the DC Office of the Mayor and the DC Council work with federal authorities to ensure these new security measures are integrated with the landscape as much as possible and do not restrict access to public parks, green space, and walking paths that were accessible prior to January 6, 2021.

Attested by:

Amber Gove  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

May 22, 2021

This Resolution was approved by a vote of 5-0-3 on May 13, 2021 at a public meeting<sup>1</sup> of ANC6A at which a quorum was present.

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