



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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July 10, 2020

Mr. Jeffrey Marootian, Director
District Department of Transportation
55 M St SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: ANC6A Support for Streatery, Sidewalk Dining and Parklets on H Street NE

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on July 9, 2020, our Commission voted 8-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that DDOT establish a multi-block Streatery installation on H Street NE to allow local restaurants additional outdoor seating space. In addition, we support restaurant-initiated efforts to request the use of sidewalk and parking spaces (parklets) for outdoor dining in accordance with the DC Department of Health “Guidelines for Expanded and New Outdoor Seating.”² We are in contact with H Street Main Street (HSMS) and will continue to work with them to devise a solution that benefits our community as a whole.

Struggling local restaurants need the additional public space to safely serve patrons and generate enough revenue to stay open; curbside spaces that can accommodate one private vehicle can instead serve several patrons, increasing economic activity and tax revenue. We also welcome the opportunity to discuss creative solutions for improving safety and reducing traffic volume and speed on H Street, including reducing vehicle traffic adjacent to the sidewalk through designation of the Streetcar lane as Streetcar and Bus only (possibly with barriers and/or red paint as on H Street NW) and/or continued conversion of parking spaces to pick-up drop-off (PUDO) locations as piloted in the 1200 block.

The Commission authorizes Amber Gove, Phil Toomajian and David W. Levy (Livable City Group) to negotiate specifics with DDOT and HSMS on behalf of ANC 6A. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at AmberANC6A@gmail.com.

On behalf of the Commission,

Amber Gove
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com, anc-6a@yahoogroups.com, and newhilleast@groups.io, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.

²https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/Reimagining-Outdoor-Space-Restaurants-and-Retail-Guidance.pdf