March 16, 2021

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Councilmember Charles Allen
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District Department of Transportation
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Re: Request for partnership to develop solutions for H Street NE

Dear Mayor Bowser, Councilmember Allen, Councilmember Cheh, Interim Director Lott, and Director Trueblood:

At duly noticed\(^1\), regularly scheduled ANC monthly meetings in March 2021, ANC 6A voted 8:0:0, with a quorum of five of eight commissioners on March 11, 2021 and ANC 6C voted 6:0:0 on March 10, 2021 with a quorum of six of six commissioners, with the public present via video conference, to request public safety measures on H Street NE between North Capitol Street and 15th Street NE due to the following urgent threats to our community.

H Street NE is a dangerous corridor that has harmed our residents, local businesses, and visitors to our neighborhoods. The unsafe design of H Street NE has directly inflicted pain on

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\(^1\) ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on, anc-6a@googlegroups.com, and newhilleast@groups.io, at www.anc6a.org, on Twitter (@ANC6A) and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag. ANC 6C announces its meetings on its website at www.anc6c.org and monthly in the Hill Rag. Individual ANC 6C commissioners have listservs and newsletters for their Single Member Districts.
families with the loss of Jewel Lewis Hall, 62; Oren Dorrel, 53; Malik Habib, 19; and Brad Hinds, 39 to traffic violence. In recent months amid the coronavirus pandemic, drivers of speeding cars have destroyed storefronts of our local businesses, such as the October 2020 crash into a storefront at 6th Street NE; the November 2020 crash into Taqueria Rosticeria at 7th Street NE; the December 2020 crash into the Atlas Performing Arts Center and the Joy of Motion Dance Center on the 1300 block; and the February 2021 crash into Mozzeria’s streatery at 13th Street NE.

We request that DDOT and Office of Planning work with our Commissions and communities to develop short- and long-term goals for the H Street NE corridor. This includes our support for: (1) X2 and X9 bus/ streetcar-only lanes; (2) wider sidewalks; and (3) pick up and drop off zones, as mentioned in the letter from 25 businesses on H Street NE. We envision a H Street NE redesign that protects the lives of our neighbors and visitors, allows our local business to flourish and grow, celebrates our neighborhood history, provides predictable and reliable bus service for transit-dependent neighbors, and is environmentally sustainable. And we welcome the opportunity to work with DDOT and Office of Planning to leverage its staff expertise to develop solutions together in partnership—especially as H Street NE will become the main corridor between two transformative redevelopment projects at Union Station and Hechinger Mall.

Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6A and ANC 6C. Response to this letter should be directed to both ANC 6A Chair Amber Gove (amberanc6a@gmail.com) and ANC 6C Chair Karen Wirt (6C02@anc.dc.gov).

On behalf of our respective Commissions,

Amber Gove
ANC 6A Chair

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C Chair

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