

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



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Councilmember Marion Barry Chair, Aging and Community Affairs Committee 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

Dear Sir,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A has, by unanimous vote (8-0), voted to support Bill 19-0716. Our meeting was the Commission's regular monthly meeting, publicly announced<sup>1</sup> and appropriately posted and with the entire Commission present.

The ANC is very enthusiastic about this change, and I thank you for your leadership. We proposed this change to the Committee of the Whole in 2008.

The prior matter being discussed at our Commission meeting dealt with a long-term community problem where the City has once again refused to follow its own rules and time limits. (We asked for and received a change in zoning for that part of the H Street business corridor; BZA authorization time limits had expired; BZA requirements for median closure were set aside by the Public Space Office of DDoT; leaving the ANC and newly vibrant H Street with a gas station across from newly developing luxury apartments and close to food establishments; a health hazard for the community; an open median that will allow vehicles to turn across a major transit route into a space with minimal area for queuing; where vehicles will inevitably block public space (the sidewalk); all for a gas station that is prohibited by current zoning.)

So ANC 6A was delighted to move to support of your measure. This change in the ANC law will improve the listening ability of those we deal with on the occasionally adversarial matter – both private developer and the City.

I thank you and urge adoption by the Committee and the Council.

Respectfully,

**David Holmes** 

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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