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Council Chair Vincent C. Gray
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Sir:

ANC 6A asks the Committee of the Whole of the City Council to provide interpretive services or funding interpretive services for its meetings.

This ANC has the honor to have many citizens who must use sign language to understand and communicate at our hearings.

Many students and faculty of Gallaudet University are resident in 6A as well as in our neighbor ANC – 6C. These citizens are currently denied full participation in our meetings by our inability to communicate with each other.

We ask that the City make available, on an as-needed basis, city-employed or -contracted interpreters. If the Council is unwilling to provide these services, then ANC 6A requests that the City negotiate the provision of such services at commercial rates lower than those available to a single ANC.

The provision of interpretive services is required by law. However, insufficient funds are provided to the ANC to allow us to meet this very evident need.

Your consideration and assistance are needed and requested.

On behalf of the Commission,

David Holmes
Vice Chair