



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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Mr. Terry Bellamy, Director
Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

RE: FRESHFARM Markets street closure

Dear Director Bellamy:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A proposes the Saturday morning closure of 13th Street NE between H and Wylie Streets for part of each year. We do this in support of H Street FRESHFARM Market's new location in the public space on the east side at that location. It is already obvious that this new site is inadequate to the community support and need. Our citizens are turning out in even larger numbers than hoped for.

Both Commissioners Hysell and Healy (13th Street is the district dividing line) and Commissioner Ronneberg, from across H Street, support this closure on behalf of their constituents. Now, the full Commission joins in support. Our motion was adopted unanimously (8-0-0) with the entire Commission in attendance. This vote was taken at our May 10 meeting - our regularly scheduled and publicly announced¹ monthly meeting.

The move from 601-645 H Street was necessitated by the beginning of redevelopment at that site, but a great deal of space was lost in the move to the current location. Not all vendors from the old site can be accommodated in the public space located currently on the east side of 13th street south of Wylie and north of H.

Vehicular access to Wylie Street will remain. Observation has shown that very few vehicles currently transit this short block on Saturday morning. I counted less than ten vehicles an hour on two recent weekends. Twelfth Street provides an easy alternate route.

It is important to our ANC's citizens to have access to fresh, high quality, local, organic farm produce and prepared goods. The tremendous response from the locals shows this support. FRESHFARM, local residents and our ANC want to encourage more vendors, and the current space is inadequate. Your assistance will be much appreciated.

Respectfully,

David Holmes
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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