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Chief Charles Ramsey  
Metropolitan Police Department  
Government of the District of Columbia  
300 Indiana Avenue NW  
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Chief Ramsey:

At our regularly scheduled public meeting on May 11, 2006, and with a quorum present, our Commission voted unanimously to request that Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) prepare a comprehensive plan of public safety strategies associated with the H Street NE Revitalization effort that is being supported by the DC government and private sector investment. Through the Mayor's Great Streets initiative, the DC government will spend tens of millions of dollars to improve the physical infrastructure of this corridor with the goal of supporting increased private investment, economic development and neighborhood livability.

Accordingly, the plan needs to address specific strategies for the public safety of the residents as well as the anticipated new visitors that will increasingly find H Street a source of retail, arts, entertainment and dining options. During the development of this plan, we encourage collaboration with our Public Safety Committee, Police Service Area 102, residents, as well as established business and community groups. Broad collaboration will ensure an innovative and effective plan for meeting the public safety needs of the H Street community.

The development of this plan is a high priority. This need is further emphasized by the increase in theft from autos along the H Street corridor. For example, last month in PSA 102 there were 21 incidents of theft from auto versus 12 in April 2005, from January 1, 2006 to April 1, 2006 there were 111 incidents of theft from auto versus 78 from the same period a year ago, and other crime statistics, such as robbery, have doubled over the last few months. Therefore, we suggest this plan be submitted to our Commission by July 17, 2006, so it can be discussed at our Public Safety Committee meeting on July 19, 2006, at 7:00pm at Sherwood Recreation Center.

In close, we respectfully ask that you strongly consider our request. If you have any questions, please contact ANC 6A Public Safety Chair, Stephanie Nixon, at (412) 612-8881.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Deputy Mayor Edward Reiskin, Public Safety and Justice  
Councilmember Sharon Ambrose  
Commander Diane Grooms, First District  
David Klavitter and Marc Lesnick, PSA 102 Co-Citizen Coordinators