



District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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February 9, 2018

Mr. Chris Rodriguez, Director
District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)
2720 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20032

Re: 2018 Rock and Roll Marathon

Dear Director Rodriguez:

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on February 8, 2018, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to conditionally support the 2018 Rock and Roll Marathon.

ANC 6A supports this race in 2018 on the condition of a commitment from race organizers to meet with members of ANC 6A's Transportation and Public Space Committee this summer in advance of its meeting with your agency to plan its 2019 race. While we appreciate the efforts of race organizers to respond to input from ANC 6A and complaints from community members, we believe it is time for the Rock and Roll Marathon to assess alternate routes that do not impact or significantly reduce the impact on ANC 6A, particularly now that the DC Streetcar operations need to be halted to allow the race to access H Street NE. We do not and will not support running the race along the adjacent residential streets, such as G Street NE or F Street NE. We look forward to that discussion and will assess our ability to provide continued support based on its outcome.

Additionally, it has come to our attention that MPD and your agency will seek to strictly enforce the "Clear Route Initiative," which would require the complete removal of parked vehicles from the entire race route. While we understand the need to ensure the safety of event participants and area residents, particularly in the wake of heinous attacks using vehicles, we believe this approach is not only unnecessary, but also unfeasible. The race will impact many streets in our community, and there is simply not enough available parking to accommodate the removal of so many cars from the route. We encourage your agency to work with impacted Advisory Neighborhood Commissions to determine a more workable solution that both ensures safety and spares residents from unnecessary inconveniences.

We are encouraged that that no amplified music or performances will occur in Lincoln Park. However, we remain concerned about the volume level of performances at a stage located in the Auto Zone parking lot on the 1200 Block of H Street NE and we have strongly encouraged the race organizers to consider ways to mitigate the level of volume at this location.

¹ ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com, anc6a@yahoogroups.com, and newhilleast@yahoogroups.com, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.



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We thank you for giving great weight to the views of the Commission and look forward to working with you to ensure safety during community events.

On behalf of the Commission,

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cc: Councilmember Charles Allen
DDOT Associate Director for Public Space Matthew Marcou
ANC6C Chair Karen Wirt
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