



District of Columbia Government  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A  
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September 15, 2016

Mr. Leif A. Dormsjo  
Director, District Department of Transportation  
55 M Street SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Traffic calming at intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE and West Virginia Avenue NE

Dear Director Dormsjo,

At a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting<sup>1</sup> on September 8, 2016, our Commission voted 7-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) examine the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE and West Virginia Avenue NE for improvements designed to enhance pedestrian, bicyclist and driver safety.

The intersection at 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE and West Virginia Avenue NE poses a unique problem for all users. It is just north of the traffic light at 8<sup>th</sup> Street NE and K Street NE. There is no stop sign for drivers on 8<sup>th</sup> Street, but there is a two-way stop for drivers on West Virginia Avenue, creating confusion for drivers who expect an all-way stop. Adding to the danger of the current set-up is the proximity of K Street. Drivers turning onto 8<sup>th</sup> Street from K Street may not see that a car on West Virginia Ave is about to enter the intersection. Furthermore, drivers on West Virginia Ave. have no way to know whether a car is going to turn onto 8<sup>th</sup> Street after they have decided traffic is clear and they can proceed. This has led to numerous near-misses and poses a risk of a serious accident.

Based on the testimony of residents in ANC 6A, the Commission strongly recommends that DDOT conduct an examination of this intersection and consider making it an all-way stop, adding "cross-traffic does not stop" signage, or another alternative that will improve safety and reduce confusion. Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendation of ANC 6A. Should you wish to discuss this letter with the Commission, please feel free to reach out to me at [philanc6a@gmail.com](mailto:philanc6a@gmail.com) or the ANC 6A Vice-Chair, J. Omar Mahmud, at [mahmud6a01@gmail.com](mailto:mahmud6a01@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Commission,

Phil Toomajian,  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Encl. Traffic Calming application

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<sup>1</sup> ANC 6A meetings are advertised electronically on the [anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com](mailto:anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com), [anc-6a@yahoogroups.com](mailto:anc-6a@yahoogroups.com), and [newhilleast@yahoogroups.com](mailto:newhilleast@yahoogroups.com), at [www.anc6a.org](http://www.anc6a.org), and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.