



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 Capitol Hill Classic Races

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 strongly support the 2018 Capitol Hill Classic 10K and 3K races and Children's Fun Run.

ANC 6A supports this race because it is well-organized and supports the Capitol Hill Cluster School DC Public Schools that serve children from ANC 6A and other nearby communities. Each year, the race organizers work closely with MPD and local houses of worship to devise safe bump-cross routes to be used during the race to allow vehicles to cross when runners are not approaching and allow worshipers to cross on their way to and from services.

However, 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, particularly in the wake of heinous attacks using vehicles, we believe this approach is unnecessary and 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 ANCs to determine a more workable solution that both ensures safety and spares residents from unnecessary inconveniences.

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,

Phil Toomajian
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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