



Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission
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Ms. Cathy L. Lanier
Chief of Police
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Dear Chief Lanier:

ANC6A has worked hard to address the significant juvenile crime issues within Ward Six in recent years. While statistics continue to show reductions in crime in many categories, juvenile crimes and crimes of opportunity increasing plague our community. Accordingly, we were disappointed to learn that MPD would be unable to complete its long-planned increase in manpower level due to current budget shortfalls. ANC6A would like to see an increase in the level of resources devoted to our areas, in particular, to PSA 102 and PSA 103, which includes the reenergized H Street corridor and Rosedale community.

While we very much appreciate your personal attention to the spike in carjacking that occurred in PSA 103 late last year, we are concerned about the high levels of crimes of opportunity that we suffered in recent months in PSAs 102 and 103. For example, there were 201 robberies with a gun in the past 12 months in First District between March 24, 2009 and March 24, 2010, compared with 170 in the previous year's span. Robbery-guns were up an incredible 48% in our PSAs over that time span. Similarly, ADWs-gun were up 83 percent within our PSAs during this period. These numbers clearly suggest that our neighborhood's capable Commander and Lieutenants need additional resources, despite MPD's plans to maintain its current number of officers overall.

Though our neighborhood is steadily replacing vacant properties and storefronts with thriving families and businesses, and crime is down nationwide and across the District, crimes of opportunity continue to rise in this area. Foot traffic to the new businesses within PSAs 102 and 103 will only increase over the coming months and years with new developments and re-inhabited homes. We hope you will allocate additional officers to this area to address this unacceptable rise in crimes of opportunity in our neighborhood.

On behalf of the Commission,

Kelvin J. Robinson
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: David Kamperin, Commander, MPD First District
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