



Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission
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Honorable Adrian Fenty
Mayor
Government of the District of Columbia
Executive Office of the Mayor
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Dear Mayor Fenty:

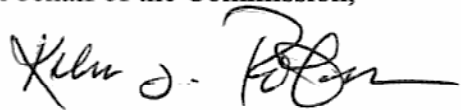
As you know, in March the Greater Washington Sports Alliance will hold the 5th Annual Sun Trust National Marathon on Capitol Hill. While such events provide the District with a great way to share and showcase the beauty and richness of our diverse NE neighborhoods, regrettably, when poorly planned or executed, such events also can create disruption and chaos for those residents whose lives are negatively impacted while such events take place. This has been the case in the past with this race, but hopefully will be less so when this event takes place this year.

Despite efforts over the years to work with organizers and the Metropolitan Police Department to minimize concerns related to course planning, length and timing, as well as traffic flow, little has been done to adequately address those concerns, and to ensure that proposed mitigation strategies when identified, are carried out on race day. While we are appreciative of the constructive dialogue and modified plans the Alliance has coordinated for the upcoming race, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A suggests that more should and can be done to lessen the negative impact these events have on our neighborhoods. Toward this end, we offer the following:

1. Every marathon, half-marathon, 10-miler, and 10-K run through residential neighborhoods should be run only one-way along a street with no return on nearby parallel streets. For example, once down East Capitol without returning down East Capitol, A or C Streets, Constitution, or Independence in the same race.
2. Every marathon, half-marathon, 10-miler, and 10-K should finish outside of residential areas. The start of a race goes past a given point quickly; the end is stretched out over hours.
3. Routes should change from year to year whenever they are scheduled to be run through residential areas. This shares both the excitement and the burden.
4. Every reasonable road crossing, under police control, should be open when runners are not present.

Please know that we appreciate your sensitivity to our concerns and your active consideration of our recommendations to ensure the success and acceptance of these types of events moving forward.

On behalf of the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelvin J. Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kelvin J. Robinson
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Commissioner, SMD 6A08

CC: Honorable Tommy Wells, Councilmember, Ward 6
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