

Statement by David Holmes, Chair, given to the Redistricting Task Force, 9-19-11

The Task Force (TF) reset on its own a **flawlessly functioning dividing line between 6A and 6C**, evidently in pursuit of some nominal perfection. To straighten a line, 450 people were proposed to be removed from 6A. The response from some TF members to my challenge has been 'how about we move the dividing line over to 9th in your SMD' to make up the difference, if you don't want to lose these blocks.

6A has, to a very great extent, defined itself as a **force for the rational controlled attractive development of H Street**. Now the final major developments on H are near. We want to retain our blocks, north of H Street, so that we can hold on to our citizens and be partners in appropriately-scaled development that is sensitive to the look and feel of the surrounding residential community, which follows the Overlay, and ensures VAs that protect the neighborhood. Our history with BZA and ZC is that if you are not in the adjoining block, you cannot be a party to a PUD.

I have never heard a word of challenge to 6A's stewardship over **Lincoln Park**. It has been taken from us for no good reason after we have fought for and obtained new sidewalks, new street paving, new speed humps, new lighting, and new trees. Along with the NPS, you can thank 6A for the playground equipment and the new seats. So now, if there is a dangerous off-leash dog, will we inquire if it's north or south of a midline? When there is vandalism, mugging, marauding raccoons, will we only act on those matters within our ANC?

We did not ask that **Kingman Park** not be part of 6A. We asked that the TF not assume that this is likely to happen, since the negotiation on this matter will have to take place between the two Councilmembers. We very much want 7D01 to join with us in a joint ANC, but Councilmember Alexander is currently opposed. Unfortunately two members of the TF said that, if you assert that KP is part of your ANC, then you will need to lose substantial parts of the western part of 6A to equalize the ANCs.

6B: Contrary to a 6B resolution: **the following did not happen** at the Commission or the Committee level.

"... in May of 2011, ANC6A voted to endorse the placement of an expansion Capital Bikeshare station on a small traffic island at the southeast corner of the park. The parcel of land considered by ANC6A was not in their jurisdiction. Further, ANC6A did not coordinate the action with ANC6B or notify residents of ANC6B..." Also 6A has not adopted any motion in committee or Commission to unify H Street in one ANC, despite assertions by 6B commissioners.

6C: Contrary to a 6C resolution: with respect to Squares 886-889, **ANC 6C cannot retain something not currently part of their Commission** -- "We believe that this block should be retained in 6C to avoid breaking up the neighborhood cohesiveness." This is a self-contradictory statement. We feel these blocks should be retained in 6A "to avoid breaking up the neighborhood cohesiveness".