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Re Payphone Application for the 700 Block of H Street

Dear Ms Hanouesk:

At our regularly scheduled, public Commission meeting on March 9, 2006, our Commission unanimously to rejected the application for the public pay phone proposed for 700 Block of H Street, NE. We believe the addition of a public payphone would create unreasonable interference with our health, safety, and peace.

The proposed location is a focal point for criminal activity. Metropolitan Police Department records reveal that in the past twelve months, police were called at least once a day for various disturbances. In addition, records from the Department of Public Works reveal numerous complaints from residents referring to excessive trash from individuals loitering in this location. In fact, police assigned to this Patrol Service Area have identified this location as a source of 'continued blight' in the community.

The addition of a public payphone at this location will invite increased criminal activity. Currently, suspected drug dealers and users loiter at or near the 700 block of H Street, NE. In the evenings, suspected car thieves congregate and conduct their illicit business. The drug activity, stolen car ring, and resulting loitering generate substantial noise. This activity has also resulted in trash both on the street and in adjacent properties. This trash generates a strong odor and has attracted rodents, endangering the health of neighborhood residents.

In close, we strongly recommend that the Public Space Commission reject the payphone application.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: First District Commander Diane Grooms, Metropolitan Police Department  
Mr. David Klavitter, PSA 102 Co-Coordinator