ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3E

TENLEYTOWN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS

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RESOLUTION APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION

WHEREAS:

1. Pedestrians in ANC 3E and adjoining ANCs have been injured or killed as a result of motorists failing to yield the right of way.

2. Higher vehicular speeds increase the likelihood of pedestrian-vehicle collisions and decrease the likelihood that pedestrians will survive such collisions.

3. Speeding and other threats to pedestrians, including failure of motorists to respect crosswalks, are some of the most frequently-heard complaints from our constituents.

4. Especially in a time of budgetary retrenchment, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) cannot spare enough patrol officers to control vehicular speed and otherwise protect pedestrian safety appropriately.

5. Law enforcement agencies in more than 75 countries around the world have used photo enforcement for more than 30 years, and it has been demonstrated to be an effective tool in ensuring compliance with traffic safety laws and reducing collisions.

6. MPD has used automated photo enforcement to enforce the District of Columbia's traffic safety laws since 1999, but has infrequently used such technologies within ANC 3E..

7. The goal of MPD's Automated Traffic Enforcement program, which currently includes speed cameras and red light cameras, is to reduce violations of the District's traffic safety laws and, as a result, decrease motor vehicle crashes, prevent injuries to drivers and pedestrians, and save lives.

8. MPD has significantly reduced speeds in areas where automated photo enforcement has been deployed, and has thus increased safety for pedestrians and motorists.

9. MPD has the opportunity to obtain new technology that will permit it to capture crosswalk violations and violations of "no trucks" and similar restrictions.

10. The D.C. Office of Contracts and Procurement issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in for mobile-enhanced photo enforcement equipment that will address traffic enforcement, including:

- mobile cameras capturing intersection violations, including red light running and speeding;
- mobile cameras capturing stop sign violations;
- mobile cameras capturing crosswalk violations at un-signalized intersections;
- laser-based speed enforcement equipment to be used where radar is ineffective, such as in tunnels and on hills; and
- devices to detect overweight commercial vehicles and oversized commercial vehicles, including in "no thru truck" areas

11. Proposals responding to the RFP have been submitted but before a contract can be signed the D.C. Council must approve the expenditure since it involves more than $1 million.

12. In the fiscal year 2013 budget, the Mayor has proposed a significant expansion of photo enforcement and the Council is currently considering the budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. ANC 3E strongly supports MPD's automated photo enforcement efforts, and respectfully urges the Council to approve such contracts and take such other steps, including supporting the Mayor's proposal, as are necessary to expand these efforts significantly in our neighborhood and elsewhere in D.C.

The resolution passed by a vote of 5-0-0 at a properly noticed meeting held on May 12, 2011, at which a quorum was present, with Commissioners Bender, Frumin, Quinn, Serebin, and Sklover in attendance.

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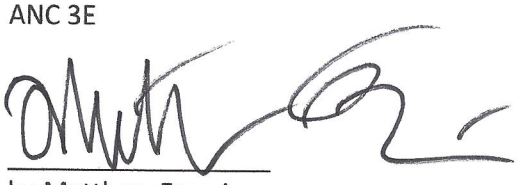

by Matthew Frumin
Chairperson