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RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D CONCERNING ENHANCED PUBLIC SAFETY, PUBLIC SPACE MAINTENANCE, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D takes note of the following:

- 1. WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of our residents are of paramount importance, and
- 2. WHEREAS there has been an increase in criminal activities and safety concerns within our community, particularly in the area around the shopping center on the 5000 block of New Hampshire Ave NW, including three recent shootings resulting in two murders and
- 3. WHEREAS the public space along the 5000 block of New Hampshire Ave. NW is poorly maintained and a public health hazard and
- 4. WHEREAS a coordinated effort involving law enforcement, public space management, and community engagement can effectively address these challenges,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D:

Section 1: Increased Police Presence

1.1 **Recognizes** the importance of enhancing public safety and addressing criminal activities within our community;

1.2 **Calls upon** the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to increase police presence in areas with a high incidence of crime, particularly in public space owned and maintained by the District of Columbia;

1.3 **Encourages** MPD to implement community policing strategies that foster positive relationships between officers and community members, leading to increased trust and cooperation;

1.4 Encourages MPD to allocate mobile video surveillance devices to the area;

1.5 **Requests** that MPD provide regular updates to the community on their efforts to address and reduce crime;

Section 2: Greater Public Space Maintenance

2.1 **Acknowledges** the significance of well-maintained public space in promoting community health and safety;

2.2 **Urges** The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and The District Department of Public Works (DPW) teams to work closely with the local ANC, neighbors, community leaders, Council offices and MPD to identify and address safety concerns promptly;

2.3 **Urges** that DDOT and DPW allocate additional resources for the improvement and maintenance of public space, including increased lighting, security fencing and regular maintenance to enhance safety;

2.4 **Promotes** community involvement in public maintenance, encouraging volunteer programs and research the possibility of the creation of a public green space in the area;

Section 3: Increased Community Outreach

3.1 **Emphasizes** the role of community engagement in preventing crime and fostering a safer environment;

3.2 **Supports** the development of community outreach programs that facilitate open communication between residents, community organizations, and local government agencies;

3.3 **Encourages** the establishment of neighborhood watch programs and community patrols, with the cooperation of law enforcement, to increase vigilance and community involvement;

3.4 **Advocates** for the promotion of community events, workshops, and educational programs that empower residents with knowledge and skills to

enhance their safety;

Section 4: Reporting and Evaluation

4.1 **Requires** regular reports from MPD on the progress made in reducing crime, with a focus on areas targeted by increased police presence;

4.2 **Mandates** periodic assessments of public space maintenance efforts and community outreach programs to ensure their effectiveness;

4.3 **Authorizes** the allocation of additional resources, as needed, to sustain and improve these initiatives based on the outcomes of evaluations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Commissioner Stephen Marencic (4D05) is hereby authorized to represent the commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

This Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Concerning Enhanced Public Safety, Public Space Maintenance, and Community Outreach was considered on September 20, 2023 before ANC 4D at a duly noticed meeting of the Commission in the presence of a quorum.

The vote of the Commission was 8 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions. The resolution is hereby adopted as resolution number 4D-2023-10.

Signed by:

Dated: 2 October 2023

Anthony Pirrotti, ANC 4D Chair