District of Columbia Government
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
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October 14, 2003

Via fax
Zoning Commission
c/o Secretary of the Zoning Commission
Office of Zoning
441 4th St NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Text Amendment—Metropolitan Police Department (Case No. 02-28)

Dear Zoning Commissioners,

At its regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting on October 9, 2003, ANC 6A voted 6-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to recommend to the Zoning Commission that all Police Department Facilities in Residential Districts be required to obtain a special exception from the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

The ANC is concerned that the proposed text amendment permitting Police Department Local Facilities as a matter of right in R-1 Districts (11 DCMR 201.1(r)) would expose residential neighborhoods to adverse impacts because of traffic, noise, operations, or the number of similar facilities in the area. Allowing these facilities to be sited as a matter of right would eliminate formal opportunities for public participation and community input to alleviate these adverse impacts through the special exception process. The special exception process has proven to be one of the most effective tools for involving the community in land use decisions and would be appropriate for Police Department Local Facilities, as well as General Facilities in Residential Districts.

The ANC does not believe that that the Metropolitan Police Department will be constructing so many facilities that the Board of Zoning Adjustment would be unduly burdened by this requirement.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Commissioner Cody Rice, Chair of ANC 6A's Economic Development and Zoning Committee, at 202-544-3734.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Fengler

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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cc: Sharon Ambrose, Ward 6 Councilperson

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RE: MPD Zoning

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Regards,

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