Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

October 10, 2003

Hon. Carol Mitten, Chairperson and
Members of the Zoning Commission
441 4th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C 20001

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

Dear Chairperson Mitten and Members of the Zoning Commission:

ANC 6C and its Planning and Zoning Committee discussed the above referenced proposed text amendment currently before the Zoning Commission. The text amendment would define for zoning purposes Police Department General Facilities (serving the City as a whole) and Police Department Local Facilities (local district headquarters or other local policing facilities).

The text amendment would permit Police Department Local Facilities to be sited and operated as a matter of right in R-1 Districts. Thus they would be permitted without review by the BZA in all residential and commercial districts.

Special exception zoning matters require that the community and the affected ANC be notified and afforded an opportunity to comment. This provides the community with an opportunity to consider all potential impacts--positive or negative--of such projects on the neighborhood. If Police Department Local Facilities are permitted as a matter of right in R-1 Districts, then there would be no formal and required opportunity for community participation in siting decisions.

At the regular meeting of the ANC on October 8, 2003, at which a quorum was present, ANC 6C voted unanimously to ask the Zoning Commission not to approve that portion of the text amendment which deems that Police Department Local Facilities be considered matter of right uses in any residential districts or commercial districts that immediately abut residential districts.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Hall Jr., Chairman

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