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RE: Statement of Opposition against Vehicle Traffic Allowed on 6th Street NE adjacent to the Capital Area Food Bank and proposed Comstock Development

As a resident of the Emerson Park Community and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 5A, as well as a homeowner on 6th Street NE, for the better part of my entire life, I'm *absolutely* opposed to opening up the part of 6th Street NE adjacent to the Capital Area Food Bank and proposed Comstock Development to vehicle traffic (i.e. a pass through)

Opening up the part of 6th Street in question, creates a multitude of issues and concerns.

1. Increased vehicle traffic changes my Emerson Park home from a cul-de-sac to a pass-through community. Being in a cul-de-sac community was extremely important to the decision and ultimate purchase of my home.
2. Increased noise pollution is another issue when vehicles are allowed to pass by directly in front of my house.
3. Increased likelihood for pedestrian accidents is a very serious issue given children and other pedestrians currently use the area and the walk-way even in the absence of a properly paved and lighted path. Very dangerous
4. Vehicle traffic includes potentially large trucks, which could damage the structure of my /our homes currently on 6th Street. My home currently shakes as trains pass by so I can only imagine if it becomes a frequent passer-by for large tractor trucks
5. It will promote individuals to park in front of my home and walk to the metro, decreasing the already limited parking available to my visitors and other residents of the Emerson Park Community
6. Lastly, with the increased traffic and potential congestion as residents move between one side of 6th Street to the other, my property value decreases.

While the issues and concerns raised above oppose vehicle traffic, I do support the street to be opened to pedestrian / bicycle traffic. As I mentioned previously, pedestrians and bicyclists currently use this path already but it's not paved, not cleared (i.e. full of debris), and has no light. Hence, the path as it stands creates a security concern as a breeding ground for illicit activity, such as loitering. Again, I'm witness to this activity as my window faces this path.

In summary, as a resident of the Emerson Park community and a property owner on the street in question, I'm fully opposed to opening up 6th Street to vehicle traffic.