



Government of the District of Columbia

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C

December 13, 2012

Mr. Terry Bellamy, Director
D.C. Department of Transportation
55 M Street S.E. Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20003

Re: Sign Regulation Authorization Emergency Amendment of 2012 (Act)

Dear Mr. Bellamy:

On December 12, 2012, at a regularly scheduled, duly noticed, meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C, with a quorum of 8 of 9 commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned matter came before us.

First, let me say that both the commissioners and the community were appalled and understandably upset that this legislation, initiated by the Mayor's Office, would be considered without being addressed by the communities directly affected. No single person in the District of Columbia – including the Mayor – should have the authority to make decisions on the part of residents without their input.

Accordingly, ANC 6C commissioners voted unanimously, 8:0:0, to send this letter to you, the Mayor, and the D.C. Council stating that we believe no one person should be able to determine a Designated Entertainment Area with sign regulation authority. We have fought large billboards at the Verizon Center as having negative impact on our constituents and this concern is being completely ignored. Our vote on December 12 specifically recommends a change to Section 800.2 of the proposed rule as follows:

“Areas the Mayor nominates should be reviewed by the affected ANC(s) within 200 yards of any boundary nominated with a 60-day notice to allow time for the affected constituents to weigh in through their ANC(s), as approved by the D.C. Council.”

On behalf of our constituents, we want to express to both you that we find intolerable such overtaking of citizens' rights in the District of Columbia.

We live in a democracy, not a dictatorship.

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Thank you for listening to the people as represented by ANC 6C.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen J. Wirt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair

cc: Mayor's Office
D.C. Council
Gottlieb Simon