



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

February 13, 2017

Chief Peter Newsham
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RE: Endorsement of the Request for Extended “Beat the Bridge” for the Marine Corps Marathon on October 22, 2017

Dear Chief Newsham,

At its regular meeting on January 10, 2017, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (6-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Schrefer, to endorse the request for an expanded timeline for use of the 14th Street Bridge by the Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) on October 22, 2017.

A significant curtailment of Metrorail operating hours on the morning of the Marathon has necessitated an adjusted event schedule. After thoroughly reviewing this information at our January meeting with the organizers, the Commission endorses MCM’s request for additional time to utilize the 14th Street Bridge HOV lanes in order to minimize the impact on the participants created by the later Metrorail opening. Support from community organizations like ours, and the various law enforcement agencies, is necessary in this circumstance to avoid any negative impact on the operation of the event that has long been a point of pride for the national capital region. By adjusting the timeline and granting an extended window of access to the 14th Street Bridge, the U.S. Marines, volunteers, organizers, and participants will be able to better meet all of the expectations that this world-class event requires.

Commissioners William Kennedy Smith (2A04@anc.dc.gov) and Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy
Chairperson



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CC: Charles Harr, Operations Coordinator, Marine Corps Marathon