



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

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**RE: Nomination of Richard Kenney, Senior Project Manager for the District Department of Transportation, for the 2016 Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Award for Distinguished DC Government Employees**

Dear Ms. Pyatybratova,

At its regular meeting on March 16, 2016, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With six of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution, which was introduced by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Coder, by a vote of **(6-0-0)**:

WHEREAS, Richard Kenney currently serves as a Senior Project Manager for the Infrastructure Project Management Administration of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT),

WHEREAS, over the past several years, Mr. Kenney has served as a liaison between DDOT and Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A on both small- and large-scale DDOT policy and planning matters affecting the Foggy Bottom and West End communities,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney regularly attends lengthy ANC 2A meetings and project site meetings whenever requested, providing valuable updates from DDOT and passing on the community’s feedback regarding transportation projects occurring within the Foggy Bottom and West End communities to DDOT management,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney currently serves as a primary DDOT liaison to ANC 2A regarding DDOT’s Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge Project, and has assisted in the implementation of several improvements to DDOT’s traffic plan for the project based on ANC feedback,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney served as a primary DDOT liaison to ANC 2A throughout the duration of DDOT’s New Hampshire Avenue Streetscape Project, helping ensure that light shields were added to newly installed streetlights and flowering trees were planted along the project’s corridor,



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WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney also served as a primary DDOT liaison to ANC 2A throughout the duration of the Washington Circle Pedestrian Improvement project,

WHEREAS, the Washington Circle project involved the tripling of the number of crosswalks surrounding Washington Circle, the addition of several new traffic lights on the roads entering Washington Circle, and the re-timing of all traffic lights surrounding Washington Circle,

WHEREAS, through the Washington Circle project, local news website WTOP noted that Washington Circle became “one of the most difficult intersections in the country to time”,

WHEREAS, throughout the duration of the Washington Circle project, Mr. Kenney attended multiple ANC 2A meetings and other community meetings, hearing lengthy observations from local residents about the problems that the Washington Circle project had caused for drivers, buses, and ambulances that traveled through Washington Circle, and the need for additional work on the precise timing of the traffic lights on the circle,

WHEREAS, through the hard work of Mr. Kenney and his colleagues at DDOT, DDOT was able to significantly improve the pedestrian and driver experience over the status quo that was created at the completion of the Washington Circle project,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney has promptly responded to emails from ANC 2A commissioners regarding feedback on and questions about DDOT policy and planning matters that affected the Foggy Bottom and West End communities,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney has provided detailed feedback to each and every ANC 2A resolution that was submitted to DDOT, including in matters where DDOT’s planners and engineers did not agree with the ANC’s position,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kenney’s overall work has resulted in a significantly improved relationship between ANC 2A and DDOT.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A expresses our deepest appreciation for the work that Richard Kenney has done on behalf of the Foggy Bottom and West End communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A enthusiastically nominates Richard Kenney for the 2016 Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Award for Distinguished DC Government Employees based on Mr. Kenney’s exemplary service to the District of Columbia.



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ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Chairperson