



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

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Ms. Denise Cobb  
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**RE: Commemoration for Former Metropolitan Police Department Officer  
Gail Cobb**

Dear Ms. Cobb,

At its regular meeting on September 18, 2019, 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 (6-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Kennedy and seconded by Commissioner Epstein, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on September 20, 1974, Officer Gail A. Cobb of the Metropolitan Police Department was slain in the line of duty in the parking garage of a building at 20<sup>th</sup> Street and L Street NW while pursuing a suspect in a nearby attempted bank robbery,

WHEREAS, Officer Cobb was the first female police officer killed in the line of duty in the United States,

WHEREAS, Officer Cobb came from a family with an extensive track record of government service and left behind – among other survivors – a four-year-old son,

WHEREAS, some of Officer Cobb’s surviving relatives are presently seeking to have the DC Council rename a portion of 14<sup>th</sup> Place NE in her honor, Councilmembers Ambrose and Brazil having previously introduced a bill to this end in 2000, and

WHEREAS, the Commission takes no position on the proposed re-designation of the block in question, since it lies outside the boundaries of ANC 2A and Ward 2, but does support efforts to keep the memory of Officer Cobb alive on the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A, recognizing that Officer Gail A. Cobb sacrificed her life in defense of the West End community, expresses its support for a commemoration in her honor to recognize her service on the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her passing.



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Commissioner Patrick Kennedy ([2A01@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A01@anc.dc.gov)) is the Commission’s representative in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Patrick Kennedy  
Vice Chairperson

CC: Councilmember Charles Allen, Ward 6  
Councilmember Jack Evans, Ward 2