



# Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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**RE: DC Council Bill B23-0288 – the “Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019”**

Dear Councilmember Cheh,

At its regular meeting on October 16, 2019, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With seven of seven commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (7-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Epstein, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, DC Council Bill [B23-0288](#) would make several changes to increase pedestrian and cyclist safety, including requiring the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to install sidewalks on both sides of a street, to connect new sidewalks to existing sidewalks, and to mark unmarked crosswalks; prohibiting DDOT from issuing public space permits for certain projects unless the plans include installing new sidewalks, bicycle lanes, or marked crosswalks; and requiring that DDOT issue reports on how projects or recommendations equitably increase transportation safety,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A acknowledges the traffic fatality that [occured in the ANC](#) as an SUV barreled into James Monroe Park, killing Jesus Antonio Llanes-Datil and Thomas Dwight Spriggs on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A remembers the passing of Carlos Sanchez Martin, [who was killed](#) when his scooter was struck by a car making an illegal turn in Dupont Circle on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018,

WHEREAS, ANC 2A highlights the numerous incidents that have occurred in Maryland ([Anne Arundel County](#), [Oxon Hill](#), [District Heights](#)) and Virginia ([Fairfax County](#)), whose residents, along with residents from many other states and jurisdictions, use the District’s roads and streets, affecting District drivers and pedestrians as well,



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WHEREAS, ANC 2A notes a few examples of the work that the ANC has already done to improve the traffic safety in our community this year alone:

- [Proposed Signalization at the Intersection of H Street and 19th Streets](#)
- [Study of a Proposed Closure of Virginia Avenue Between Constitution Avenue and 18th Street NW and Other Pedestrian Safety Improvement Measures](#)
- [Proposed Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Study of the H Street NW Corridor and Immediate Safety Improvements](#)
- [Proposed Modifications to the Alternatives for the District Department of Transportation’s Pennsylvania Avenue West Streetscape Project](#)

WHEREAS, ANC 2A foresees DDOT’s [installation of new bike lanes](#) in ANC 2A and ANC 2B.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A supports the Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2019 to better improve traffic and pedestrian safety in the District through better, concrete, and sound policies and initiatives as the act prescribes. The ANC requests that the Committee on Transportation and the Environment looks into including language to ensure that DDOT installs protected bicycle lanes wherever possible and prohibits DDOT from issuing public space permits for certain projects unless the plans include installing new sidewalks and/or repairing existing sidewalks and crosswalks as part of this amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A notes that although the bill aligns legislation with the values of the District, it is not enough without the funding, enforcement, oversight, and community engagement to see it move into fruition.

Commissioners Detrick Campbell ([2A07@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A07@anc.dc.gov)) and William Kennedy Smith ([2A04@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2A04@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

William Kennedy Smith, MD  
Chairperson



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