



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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

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RE: Concerns About Pedestrian and Bike Safety Interruptions Due to the White House Fence Construction Project

Dear Ms. Liming and Captain Walters,

At its regular meeting on November 20, 2019, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With eight of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously (8-0-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Harnett and seconded by Commissioner Epstein, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, protecting the safety of pedestrians and cyclists is a top priority for ANC 2A and requires coordination with other District and federal agencies to keep residents and visitors safe,

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2019, the National Park Service (NPS) and the United States Secret Service (USSS) announced the closure of the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to the north of the White House to protect “public safety”, and

WHEREAS, this change has pushed pedestrians and cyclists onto the sidewalks in Lafayette Park, creating dangerous conditions where near-misses and accidents are commonplace.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A opposes the unexpected and last-minute closure of the pedestrian, cyclist right-of-way to the north of the White House for a two-year fence reconstruction project, as noted in a National Park Service release from August of 2019.¹

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A requests the instillation of a temporary east-west two-way protected bike lane along the north curb of the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue NW to separate cyclist and pedestrian traffic.

¹ “Closure on Pennsylvania Avenue to be expanded for public safety during White House fence construction.” National Park Service, August 20, 2019.



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Commissioners James Harnett (2A08@anc.dc.gov), Patrick Kennedy (2A01@anc.dc.gov), and William Kennedy Smith (2A04@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

William Kennedy Smith, MD
Chairperson

CC: David Vela, Deputy Director, National Park Service
James Murray, Director, United States Secret Service
Jeff Marootian, Director, District Department of Transportation
Brant Miller, Program Analyst, District Department of Transportation