Evian Patterson  
Associate Director, Parking and Ground Transportation  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M Street, SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Petition for Resident Only Parking, 3rd St. NE, 1100 Block

Dear Mr. Patterson:

On September 19, 2017, at a duly noticed regularly scheduled monthly meeting, with a quorum of four out of six commissioners and the public present, ANC 6C voted 4-0 to adopt the positions set forth in this letter. The residents of the 1100 block of 3rd St. NE have submitted a petition to the District Department of Transportation requesting the east side of their street be restricted to parking for zone 6 residents only, due to substantial parking pressures from external factors such as the recently opened office and retail building at Uline Arena. ANC 6C fully supports this petition and requests that DDOT promptly make the suggested changes.

Many residential neighborhoods near traffic-generating destinations experience parking problems above the typical Washington neighborhood. Such is the case for the 1100 block of 3rd St. NE, which is occupied partially by the newly redeveloped Uline arena, which houses offices and a flagship REI store. The REI store draws customers from all around the region, many of whom drive. While a garage is available for public parking, it is difficult to find and charges $8 for the first hour ($12 for the first two hours). The typical trip to REI is much less than two hours, so visitors routinely parking on the nearby streets to avoid the exorbitant garage fees.

In addition to pressures from the REI and offices at Uline, the neighborhood also sees commuters parking on residential streets due to the nearby NoMa Metro station. Many of these commuters come from outside Ward 6 and even outside the District.

We understand that new regulations have been proposed regarding the Residential Parking Program, including Resident Only signage, and have not yet been finalized. However, we feel that this particular situation represents a unique and desperate scenario that requires immediate attention. Thank you for considering our request, and please let us know if you would like to discuss the issue further.
Thank you for giving great weight to the views of ANC 6C.

Sincerely,

Karen Wirt
Chair, ANC 6C

cc: Jeff Marootian, Interim Director