May 14, 2018

Mr. Jeffrey Marootian, Director  
D.C. Department of Transportation  
55 M Street S.E. Suite 400  
Washington, D.C. 20003

Re: Union Market traffic and pedestrian safety

Dear Mr. Marootian,

On May 9, 2018, at a duly noticed, regularly scheduled, monthly meeting of ANC 6C, with a quorum of six out of six commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned matter came before ANC 6C.

The ANC 6C commissioners voted unanimously, 6:0:0, to send you this letter.

This ANC concern is regarding the streets and sidewalks in the Union Market area around 4th, 5th, and Neal and Morse Streets NE. The concern is that the area has rapidly transitioned from a purely commercial warehouse district to a largely pedestrian-focused activity center, but the roads and sidewalks do not support a walkable community. Issues include extremely wide roads with no lane markings; poorly placed or nonexistent street signage, including stop signs and one-way signs; and narrow, poorly maintained sidewalks. Some intersections (e.g., Morse and 5th Street NE) should be made into four-way stops. The commissioners believe the area needs a comprehensive vision that is not being provided, and that DDOT should have a project manager specifically focused on this area. Improvements should be implemented in a comprehensive plan.

The vote included a request that Sam Zimbabwe attend the next ANC 6C Transportation and Public Space Committee meeting on June 7. The chairman of that committee, Mark Kazmierczak, can be contacted for more information: mark.kaz.anc@gmail.com.

Thank you for giving great weight to recommendations of ANC 6C.

cc: Mr. Sam Zimbabwe

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt, ANC 6C chair