Re: B22-0841 – Temporary Parking Limitation Regulation Amendment Act of 2018

Dear Councilmember Allen,

On July 11, 2018, at a regularly scheduled and duly noticed public monthly meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6C, with a quorum of six out of six commissioners and the public present, the above-mentioned item came before us. The commission voted unanimously (6-0) to relay the following concerns.

The Commission discussed B22-0841 – the Temporary Parking Limitation Regulation Amendment Act of 2018 – introduced by your office and co-sponsored by Chairman Mendelson and CMs Bond and Gray. The Bill proposes to limit the number of days for which visitor parking permits may be issued to a single residential address to 30 days per year. **ANC 6C commends the Council for attempting to address problems with the visitor parking permit system; however, the Commission believes that the Bill, as proposed, is too narrow and will not resolve the fundamental problem.** The proposed system would require a modern, electronic database to effectively track visitor passes. Without such a database system, MPD officers who issue permits would have no way to verify whether a particular address has exceeded its 30-day limit in a calendar year. The Commission also believes that more comprehensive reforms are needed with the broader residential parking system, and that fixes to the visitor pass process are best addressed in the context of comprehensive parking solutions. Given existing programs, including the annual Visitor Parking Passes available to residents on RPP blocks, it is not clear that the MPD-issued passes even need to be offered (as has been suggested by this ANC before).

ANC 6C once again commends the Council for its interest in parking reform, and encourages changes to the Bill that will strengthen its impact – such as an electronic database – and broaden its scope, to include reforms to the residential and visitor parking programs.

Thank you for considering these recommendations from ANC 6C.

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen J. Wirt
ANC 6C Chair

Cc: Chairman Phil Mendelson
    Councilmember Anita Bonds
    Councilmember Vincent Gray