September 18, 2018

Jeff Marootian
Director, District Department of Transportation
55 M Street SE, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20003

Re: Removal of 40 feet of resident permit parking and establish a loading zone along southbound 8th Street NE, NOI #18-122-TOA

Dear Director Marootian:

At a regularly scheduled, duly noticed, monthly meeting of ANC 6C on September 12, 2018 with a quorum of 5 out of 5 Commissioners and the public present, ANC 6C voted to support NOI #18-122-TOA as long as the total number of parking spaces for holders of Residential Parking Permits (RPP) in the 300 block of 8th Street is not reduced. The residents in 22 single family homes on this block need RPP spaces, particularly since the immediate area has lost RPP spaces through the introduction of Zip car spaces on 8th Street, a Bikeshare station on D Street, and a Metro bus stop and crosswalks were established on Maryland Avenue. Notably the dialysis center at the south end of the 300 block of 8th Street has closed, which eliminates much of the need for commercially-oriented two-hour parking. Attached is one Commissioner’s notion about how the parking restrictions in the 300 block of 8th Street could be reconfigured.

The ANC 6C Commissioners also determined that the purpose of NOI #18-122-TOA was insufficient to improve safety in the area, and we join with Councilmember Allen and ANC 6A to urge the establishment of either an all-way STOP or a traffic light at this intersection. We are keen to avoid another accident like the one in 2014 ala https://wamu.org/story/14/07/17/following_accident_pedestrian_safety_measures_added_to_maryland_avenue/

These intersections are known to be dangerous, and it should not take another tragedy to encourage DDOT to take effective action at 8th and D Street as it did for the tragedy one block away at 7th and D. Please contact Commissioner Scott Price (202-577-6261, scott.price@anc.dc.gov) if you need additional information.
Thank you for giving great weight to the recommendations of ANC 6C.

cc: Mr. Leon Anderson
Attachment: ANC 6C03 notions to reconfigure
Parking restrictions, 300 block of 8th Street NE

On behalf of ANC 6C,

Karen Wirt
ANC 6C chair