Chairperson Cheh and Members of the Committee,

ANC 6C writes to present its views on two matters pertaining to the performance of the Department of Public Works with respect to parking enforcement management.

**Ready response for chronic traffic and parking ticket scofflaws**

Many drivers in the District of Columbia accumulate substantial unpaid traffic and parking fines. This is especially true for Maryland and Virginia drivers, as their states have no reciprocal enforcement agreement with the District of Columbia. This means that outstanding District of Columbia unpaid traffic and parking tickets do not prevent vehicle registration renewal for these drivers, as outstanding tickets do for District of Columbia vehicle owners. Moreover, particularly concerning in

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1 ANC 6C authorized this testimony at its duly noticed, regularly scheduled monthly meeting on February 13, 2019, with a quorum of 6 out of 6 commissioners and the public present, by a vote of 6-0.
light of the goals of Vision Zero, many of these drivers pose serious safety risks, incurring numerous speed-camera violations without paying any penalty.\(^2\)

The Department of Public Works on its website notes that under District law a vehicle is boot-eligible if it has two or more unsatisfied parking and/or photo enforcement tickets that are 60 days old. It further notes that DPW boot crews search for the vehicles of scofflaws using License Plate Recognition System technology.

ANC 6C urges the Department of Public Works to upgrade its systems in concert with the Department of Motor Vehicles so that whenever a vehicle with more than a certain amount of unpaid and overdue fines receives a new parking ticket from any District personnel, the Vehicle Immobilization Branch of the Parking Enforcement Management Administration receives an immediate electronic notification and is able to send its personnel to boot or tow the offender right away.

This threshold of unpaid and overdue fines could be set at an amount such as $2000 or $3000 and adjusted with implementation. We believe this enhancement would assist DPW in focusing on high priority scofflaws and help reduce

\(^2\) One Maryland vehicle has been found to have currently 65 citations, totaling over $16,000 in fines, with 27 of the first 30 involving speeding violations of 11 to 15 mph over the limit.
eventually the number of parking and speed- and red light-camera violators overall.

**Parking enforcement of the 2-hour limit in RPP zones**

ANC 6C includes within its borders the U.S. Supreme Court, the Senate Office Buildings, Union Station, and the western end of the H Street corridor. These places attract large numbers of visitors on a daily basis, many of whom arrive by private vehicles and take advantage of the Residential Parking Permit blocks nearby for parking. The residents of ANC 6C notice that vehicles without Zone 6 residential parking permits regularly park for much longer than 2 hours on our RPP streets, seemingly without consequence. Enforcement of the 2-hour limit has been spotty or even non-existent at times over the last two years, leading to a very tight parking situation for residents. We ask the Committee to ensure that the Department of Public Works gives enforcement of the 2-hour limit in RPP zones, in areas where parking pressure is greatest, robust attention and sufficient personnel to issue parking tickets so that eventually violations are kept to a minimum.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony and we welcome any follow-up questions the Committee may have.