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Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F  
Attn: Mr. Charles Reed, Chairman  
5 Thomas Circle, NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Re: First Year Report on the Activities of the Committee on Crime and Public Safety (CCPS) and Comment the Committee's Continuance

Dear Chairman Reed,

The ANC2F Committee on Crime and Public Safety (the "Committee") was established by unanimous resolution on October 5, 2006. The resolution called for the Committee to function for one year and gave the Commission the option to convert the Committee to a standing Committee at the end of or prior to the end of the one-year period. We are approaching the end of that one-year period and action is required by the Commission or the Committee will dissolve. The resolution provided broad operational guidance. This guidance was translated by the Committee into five goals areas that were approved unanimously by the Commission on February 1, 2006. In order to facilitate Commission action on a continuance decision Committee accomplishments by goal are attached.

We recommend that the Committee be continued. Now that we have been in operation for nearly a year, we also recommend two changes to the Committee's organization and operation. First, we recommend that the public meeting requirement be reduced to quarterly, instead of every other month. Second, we recommend opening the Committee membership up to any interested community member, upon approval by the Committee chair(s), and subject to veto by the Commission. We feel that these changes will allow the Committee to better serve the needs of the community and encourage more community participation.

We appreciate the faith you placed in us to establish the Committee and are prepared to take additional action as requested by the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Michael K. Sheaffer  
Co-chair

Jennifer Trock  
Co-Chair

## **Summary of ANC2F Committee on Crime and Public Safety (CCPS) Accomplishments By Goal**

1) **Legislative**: Influence the legislative and regulatory environment to deter crime and increase public safety. Review existing statutory and regulatory materials which need revision or improvement. Identify pending legislation for further ANC support or action. Explore additional initiatives.

- Emphasized community interest in the passage of the Anti-Prostitution Vehicle Impoundment Act by preparing and transmitting ANC2F correspondence to Councilmember Mendelson.

2) **Judiciary**: Provide for community presence (i.e. "the victim"- residents, businesses, visitors) in the courtroom, to include court watch, coordination of cases with the US Attorney 3D Prosecution Group and coordination of letter writing (allocution) campaigns for crimes/criminals that most impact the community.

- Partnered with the 3d District Prosecutors Office and coordinated community allocution campaigns against two defendants who had adversely impacted the neighborhood. Testified in court against one of the defendants. In both cases the defendants received jail time and the MPD and Prosecutor's office were pleased with the outcome and noted that the allocution letters had a tremendous impact. Currently working an allocution campaign on a third defendant.

3) **Awareness, deterrence and environment**: Increase public/private vigilance, bring city services to the Logan Circle area to deter the criminal element, reduce the factors that make Logan Circle conducive to crime.

- Conducted surveys of four of the six Single Member District's (SMD's) and coordinated the results (graffiti, abandoned cars, vacant property, etc) with various city agencies for resolution.

- Reported 50 requests for service using the city services on-line request system.

- Identified and reported to DCRA an unlicensed rooming house at 1224 11<sup>th</sup> St. NW. DCRA inspected and brought the business to compliance.

- Responded to MPD and community concerns about the property at 1316 12<sup>th</sup> St. by reporting the property to DCRA. DCRA has inspected and is working with the owner to correct the multiple deficiencies.

- Partnered with the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) to resolve resident complaints about the unsightly property at 1337 11<sup>th</sup> St. NW.

- "Bird-dogged" the repair of the exterior lighting at the DC Housing Authority facility at 1170 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW. The lights had been broken for two years.

- Notified the owner of District Liquors at 1211 11<sup>th</sup> St. NW that he was not compliant with his voluntary agreement, which resulted in the removal of graffiti.

- By working with the ONS, was able to pressure DDOT to remove a long abandoned construction sign that was broken and blocking the sidewalk at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and M St's. NW.

- Created and distributed a bi-lingual (English and Spanish) flyer with contact information on who to call if residents observe public drinking in METRO bus stops.

4) Expand reach and leverage of ANC2F initiatives by developing synergy with other community and governmental activities.

- Developed partnerships with the Office of Neighborhood Services, the Metropolitan Police Department, the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Prosecutors Office and the Logan Circle Community Association.

- Committee mentioned in three articles in the Dupont Current.

5) Operate the Committee by developing internal committee structure.

- Developed the initial committee goals and operating procedures.

- Established the CCPS portion of the ANC web page and made it a point to place correspondence in the public eye.

- Established a web based e-mail account for the committee and populated it with key contact information.

- Established ANC account on the DC city services request web page in order to request and monitor services in the community.