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To: Fellow ANC 5A Commissioners

From: ANC Commissioner Gordon-Andrew Fletcher & ANC 5A08 ‘Communities Conquering Crime Task Force’

Re: Request for Increased “Active Police Presence” in ANC 5A08

During ANC Commissioner Gordon-Andrew Fletcher’s Winter 2020 Single Member District dated February 20, 2020 residents expressed serious concern about the increase of crime within the neighborhood. Subsequently, it was voted on 33-0 that ANC 5A08 form a task force to assist in fixing this issue. Therefore, residents of ANC 5A08 have come together to form the ANC 5A08 ‘Communities Conquering Crime Task Force’ due to increased criminal activity in and around a defined area of ANC 5A08. The task force includes Jeff Dawson, Tonya Williams, Robert Oliver, and Deneen Miller. The task force is primarily comprised of concerned residents that live in the Emerson Park community and the Totten Mews community of ANC 5A08, as well as the immediate neighborhood of those communities. These concerned residents have seen and been victims to the increased crime throughout the areas within their communities. The path that connects 6<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Totten Mews HOA to Emerson Park HOA is of high concern, because many assailants escape MPD and Metro Transit Police by cutting through the pathway after committing a crime. The use of the pathway to escape as well as engage in criminal activity is the primary reason for the creation of the task force.

Thus, the task force has recommendations to help mitigate these problems. The following recommendations are:

- 1) Increased lighting throughout these highly traveled walkways, pathways, and streets.
- 2) Increased non-patrol car assignments and presence with the use of foot patrols, Segway’s, bicycles, and scooters as detailed in the Fiscal Year 2018 Performance Oversight Hearing with the DC Council.
- 3) A Crime Prevention and Community Safety Coordination Plan between Metro Transit Police and MPD in regards to pathways that attract criminal activity, such as the one being discussed at this time.
- 4) The installation of surveillance camera(s) consistent with the Zoning Commission Order No. 15-04 agreed to by Comstock Sixth Street, LLC, the developer of Totten Mews along the pathway between Totten Mews HOA and Emerson Park

HOA, capable of being monitored by MPD as part of the Capital Shield program.

[Note: Totten Mews has received the funding from the developer and intends to have the installation of the surveillance camera(s) in place within the next 90 days.]

- 5) Creating a combined effort between MPD, Metro Transit Police, and the interested communities to establish crime watch and other prevention initiatives that utilize the concerned citizens as an additional resource to our MPD and Metro Police.

Sincerely,

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ANC Commissioner of 5A08  
Vice Chair, ANC 5A