



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Ms. Linda Bailey  
Director, Vision Zero Office  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M Street SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003  
[Linda.Bailey@dc.gov](mailto:Linda.Bailey@dc.gov)

### RE: Sidewalk Widening for Social Distancing

Dear Ms. Bailey,

On May 4, 2020 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by seven commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (7-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E supports the measures taken by Mayor Bowser to flatten the curve of COVID-19 across Washington, DC. In recognition of the fact that many sidewalks in the ANC are narrower than typically found across the city, the fact that many people continue to walk the streets of our neighborhood and shop at stores providing essential products, and that it is impossible to pass someone on the sidewalk minding the six-foot minimum social distancing recommendations on the narrow sidewalks, ANC 2E requests that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) widens the sidewalks in our community in the following areas:

- 1200 block of Wisconsin Avenue NW through the 1700 block of Wisconsin Avenue NW by removing the northbound parking lane
- In front of the Safeway located at 1855 Wisconsin Avenue NW to support queuing outside of the store
- In front of Janti Cafe located at 1826 Wisconsin Avenue NW
- In front of Stachowski's Market located at 1425 28th Street NW

Furthermore, ANC 2E recommends that DDOT considers encouraging northbound pedestrian traffic on the east side of Wisconsin Avenue NW and southbound pedestrian traffic on the west side of Wisconsin Avenue NW, recognizing that this pilot has not been tried yet across the District.

#### COMMISSIONERS:

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ANC 2E asks that these changes be put in place only for the duration of the Mayor's stay-at-home order and that considerations be put in place to ensure that businesses that remain open, like CVS, are still able to unload their trucks for deliveries. Additionally, the ANC requests that DDOT pays close attention to loading areas along the street. These may require a break in the widened sidewalks periodically and the ANC looks forward to working with DDOT to ensure that this is addressed to support our businesses.

ANC 2E has consulted with the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID), the Georgetown Business Association (GBA), and Georgetown Main Street (GMS) and makes this request in partnership with all three organizations.

Commissioners Lisa Palmer ([2E05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2E05@anc.dc.gov)) and Rick Murphy ([2E03@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2E03@anc.dc.gov)) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard G. Murphy, Jr." in a cursive script.

Rick Murphy  
Chair, ANC 2E