



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

3265 S Street, NW • Washington, DC 20007

(202) 724-7098 • anc2e@dc.gov

November 6, 2018

Ms. Tanya Mitchell
Mayor's Special Event Task Group
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
2720 Martin Luther King Junior Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20032
tanya.mitchell@dc.gov

RE: Special Event Application for the 2019 DC Bike Ride on Saturday, May 18th, 2019

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

On October 29, 2018 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 remains very pleased that only the Whitehurst Freeway will be closed for the 2019 DC Bike Ride and appreciates that no amplified music will be played as part of the race. However, the ANC remains concerned that for 2019, as it was for 2018, the date of the race coincides with Georgetown University's graduation weekend. Graduation weekend typically includes a significant uptick in traffic and any road closures in the area complicate traffic mobility. As a result, the ANC supports the special event application provided that the race organizers develop solutions that maximize traffic flow, minimize traffic disruptions and jams on neighborhood streets, and protect public safety.

Heavy rain limited the number of people participating in the DC Bike Ride and driving around Georgetown in 2018. In hopes that the weather will be better in 2019, ANC 2E requests that the DC Bike Ride commit to, at minimum, the mitigation strategies implemented in 2018. These strategies include:

- Dedicating ten District Department of Transportation (DDOT) traffic control officers (TCOs) to the Georgetown area,

COMMISSIONERS:

Ed Solomon, District 1 Joe Gibbons, District 2 Rick Murphy, District 3
Lisa Palmer, District 5 Jim Wilcox, District 6
Monica Roaché, District 7 Zac Schroepfer, District 8

- Activating message boards at the intersection of Canal Road and Foxhall Road NW, inbound on the Key Bridge, and inbound on the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge to advise of heavy traffic and urge alternative routes,
- Securing commitments that any roadway construction work, should there continue to be such work, on the Key Bridge or on Canal Road NW would either be suspended or avoid requiring any closures,
- Ensuring DDOT's signal tech engineers would be asked to actively monitor the area and modify signal timing if necessary,
- Engaging the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to notify Waze and Google Maps about the DC Bike Ride's resulting road closures and traffic issues, and
- Creating "day of" points of contact for direct communication between DDOT, MPD, and Georgetown University.

Finally, in preparation for the DC Bike Ride's 2020 race, ANC 2E strongly requests that the DC Bike Ride coordinate its schedule with Georgetown University and not hold its race on the same weekend as Georgetown University's 2020 graduation.

Commissioners Lisa Palmer (2E05@anc.dc.gov) and Joe Gibbons (2E02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe R. Gibbons", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E