



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

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### **RE: Special Event Application for the Lawyers Have Heart 10K and 5K on Saturday, June 13th, 2020**

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

On January 7, 2020 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by eight commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (8-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E appreciates that the Lawyers Have Heart 10K and 5K has a long history of successfully raising funds to support the American Heart Association and the ANC remains grateful for the commitment that the runners make to such an important cause. However, this race continues to present significant challenges to our community and, as such, the ANC cannot support the request for the race to be run through ANC 2E once again this year.

For reference, here is some of the feedback from residents who live west of the race on Water Street NW after this past year's race:

- “A way was provided to get OUT of our garage on Water Street, then north on Potomac and right on Grace to Wisconsin. But there was no way back to our garage or the Potomac Boat Club. K St. was totally blocked off. And all the tents and concessions filled K St.”
- “We were stuck in our garage and couldn't get to Max's gym class on time and our maintenance man and crew couldn't get into the building.”
- “The speakers were really loud and everywhere. I thought it was overkill.”

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- “The noise from the speaker was unbearably loud and it started at 6:45 and continued nonstop for several hours. I received numerous complaints from residents of the Papermill Condo. The sound level was excessive and unbearable at any time of the day much less that early and showed no consideration of the community.”
- “The noise Saturday woke me up at 7 and, as I had earplugs, I thought something was falling down in my house. Then I thought someone was attacking my door. I got up and opened the bedroom window to see what was going on and thought that the loudspeaker may be the police warning residents of some disaster or evacuation - seriously.”
- “I hate their microphone - but I was up already so it wasn't as bad as some years...I hear from people who live far from this area how much good they do, but when you live here - you have a different reaction.”

ANC 2E has, over the years, made a good faith effort to support this race. ANC 2E05 Commissioner Lisa Palmer has personally spoken to race organizers as well as the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) to review concerns and implement solutions, many of which were specifically laid out in the ANC's 2019 resolution which is attached to this resolution by reference. Unfortunately, the situation has not improved. As noted specifically in last year's resolution: "ANC 2E also notes that should the provisions noted above and implemented in 2018 not be met in 2019, the ANC will no longer support the granting of permits for this race.”

Many races run through ANC 2E05 but year after year, ANC 2E receives significant numbers of complaints about this specific race. As a result, ANC 2E no longer supports the granting of permits for this race in ANC 2E05.

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,



Rick Murphy  
Chair, ANC 2E

# **Attachment 1**

**ANC 2E's Resolution Regarding the  
2019 Lawyers Have Heart 10K and 5K**



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### **RE: Special Event Application for the Lawyers Have Heart 10K and 5K on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

On January 2, 2019 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by six commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (6-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E had significant concerns about how the Lawyers Have Heart organizers had operated their race in 2017, noting significant issues related to noise, music, unexpected road closures, etc. The ANC thanks the organizers for setting aside time for a postmortem and is pleased that the organizers undertook specific measures to avoid these problems during the 2018 race. As a recap, in order for ANC 2E to support the Lawyers Have Heart race, the following must be true:

1. An open lane of access along K Street and Water Street NW must be available for residents throughout the staging of the race and the duration of the race itself. Furthermore, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) contact names will be provided to residents via ANC 2E. Race organizers will ensure that, should a resident have a problem getting to or from his or her home, residents may be in touch with these contacts to ensure that access issues are addressed immediately by MPD officers and that residents will be allowed to travel freely. At no time shall residents be denied the ability to enter or exit their blocks.
2. Amplified sound may not begin until after 7:00 am per DC's noise regulations. ANC 2E supports no amplified voices or music – whether as a sound check or otherwise – before this time. Furthermore, per an agreement with race organizers, the ANC can only be supportive of this race if, as previously agreed to, the speakers along K Street and Water Street NW are turned towards the water and

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not towards K Street and Water Street NW in an attempt to minimize the sound amplification throughout the area. The ANC appreciates the organizers' continued promise to review sound levels with the organizers' sound company and expects that adequate modifications will continue to be made.

3. ANC 2E also notes that should the provisions noted above and implemented in 2018 not be met in 2019, the ANC will no longer support the granting of permits for this race.

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Respectfully submitted,

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

Rick Murphy  
Chair, ANC 2E