



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown and Hillandale

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Ms. Tanya Mitchell
Mayor's Special Event Task Force Group
Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
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RE: Community Feedback Regarding the Special Event Permit for the Lawyers Have Heart 10K & 5K on June 10th, 2017

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

On June 29, 2017 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 appreciates the attention that special events bring to our neighborhood, however we were extremely disappointed by the execution of the recent Lawyers Have Heart 10K & 5K special event. Per our conversations with event organizers, there was to be an open lane of access along K Street and Water Street NW for residents to reach their homes west of Wisconsin Avenue at all times throughout the staging of the race and the duration of the race itself. This, in fact, did not happen, and residents were denied access to their homes. Furthermore, contrary to an agreement between race organizers and the ANC, amplified sound did in fact begin at 6:30 am and continued until at least 7:30 am. This is the second year in a row where residents were denied access to their homes as a part of the Lawyers Have Heart 10K & 5K, and as a result, ANC 2E has serious concerns about the future of this race in our neighborhood.

Furthermore, ANC 2E reminds permit authorizers that well over 1,000 people live in Georgetown south of M Street NW. Our neighborhood should not be seen as a simple place to dump these races, the ensuing chaos caused by the races, and the continuing inconveniences which these races bring. ANC 2E strongly requests that permitting agencies more closely review the routes for these races as well as the sheer number of permits granted for such races so that the over 1,000 residents south of M Street NW are

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not frequently denied access to come and go from their homes on weekend mornings and that residents can enjoy weekend mornings in their homes as other residents from across the city do.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gibbons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joe Gibbons
Chair, ANC 2E