



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2E

Representing the communities of Burleith, Georgetown, and Hillandale

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Mr. Sam Zimbabwe  
Chief Project Delivery Officer  
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### **RE: Proposed Installation of New Bike Racks at the Northeast Corner of the Intersection of N Street and Wisconsin Avenue NW**

Dear Mr. Zimbabwe,

On July 2, 2018 ANC 2E held its regularly scheduled public meeting, which was properly noticed and attended by five commissioners, constituting a quorum. At this meeting the Commission adopted the following resolution by a vote of (5-0-0) with regard to the above-referenced matter:

ANC 2E continues to hear from residents across the area that traffic backups on N Street between Wisconsin Avenue and 31st Street NW are difficult. One extraordinary example of the challenges faced on the block is that last week, during the time when firefighters were fighting the fire on O Street NW and Wisconsin Avenue NW was shut down, a DC Circulator bus was re-routed onto N Street NW and traffic came to a complete standstill. Furthermore, we continue to hear about parked car collisions across the block that do significant damage to residents' vehicles that are legally parked in residential parking spots along the block. ANC 2E thanks the residents along this block for sharing a petition with the ANC that notes the residents' ongoing concerns.

While the larger congestion issue along this block is best addressed through a Circulation Study currently being contemplated by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), ANC 2E also believes that DDOT can quickly address a longstanding geometry issue at the corner of N Street and the east side of Wisconsin Avenue NW through a design solution.

As a reminder, N Street NW is approximately 30 feet wide. Cars are approximately 6 to 7 feet wide. N Street NW is a two-way street which leaves, at most, less than 18 feet for

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two cars to pass by each other at any given time. As cars approach the signalized intersection at Wisconsin Avenue and N Street NW, there often becomes no ability to negotiate this tight space and turn the corner, in part, because cars are parked to the corner.

With this in mind, ANC 2E requests that DDOT try to solve this issue by any means necessary, including, but not limited to, a trial of removing the two metered spots on the corner closest to Wisconsin Avenue NW, replacing those two metered spots with a narrow bike rack and installing flexi-posts to the corner, with a goal of making turning onto and off of N Street NW a safer and easier proposition. While ANC 2E does not believe that this is a wholesale solution to the larger problem on the block, the ANC would like to trial a solution to see if it helps the congestion at the corner. If the ANC does not see any improvement on the circulation of this corner, ANC 2E recommends that the current conditions be restored.

Commissioners Lisa Palmer ([2E05@anc.dc.gov](mailto:2E05@anc.dc.gov)) and Joe Gibbons ([2E02@anc.dc.gov](mailto: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