



July 9, 2024

700 Pennsylvania Avenue SE
Ste. #2032
Washington, DC 20003
6B@anc.dc.gov

OFFICERS

Chairperson
Edward Ryder

Vice Chair
Vince Mareino

Secretary
David Sobelsohn

Treasurer
Frank Avery

Parliamentarian
Kasie Durkit

COMMISSIONERS

- SMD 01 Frank Avery
- SMD 02 Jerry Sroufe
- SMD 03 David Sobelsohn
- SMD 04 Frank D'Andrea
- SMD 05 Kasie Durkit
- SMD 06 Chander Jayaraman
- SMD 07 Vince Mareino
- SMD 08 Edward Ryder
- SMD 09 Matt LaFortune

Our goal is to turn down the music. Right now, everyone in the DC government says they have no authority to turn it down.

-- Chair Mendelson, July 3, 2024; Public Hearing of Public Works and Operations Committee concerning the Amplified Sound Mitigation Act of 2024 (B25-749)

To: Members of the Council of the District of Columbia

At a properly noticed general meeting on July 9, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 8-0-0, based on the recommendation of its Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce voted to send this letter of support of the Amplified Sound Mitigation Act of 2024.

We welcome the leadership of the Council in addressing the fraught issue of amplified sound in a densely populated residential community. Our neighbors have made it clear that they regard excessive sound as a health issue as well as a nuisance issue

The provisions of the pending legislation that we believe hold greatest promise for addressing the growing problem of excessive amplification are: (1) fixing primary responsibility for enforcement in a specific government agency; (2) providing for testing the level of amplification at the source: rather than in the homes or businesses impacted; (3) stipulating the highest level of amplification permitted; (4) providing adequate testing equipment to permit prompt response to complaints; and (5) providing a civil penalty for repeat violators.

The frustration evidenced by the Council Chair and several public witnesses at the hearing on July 3 has been experienced also by residents in Ward 6, including those within ANC6B. At the conclusion of the hearing on July 3, hearing Chairman Mendelson referred to the loud music provided by a "Darth Vader Guitarist" in his neighborhood. Similarly, on Capitol Hill we have endured several years of "The Preacher," an individual whose stated goal is to provide spiritual guidance to persons residing in homes on the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue by means of a deafening message broadcast from the south side of the Avenue near the 8th Street SE Starbucks.

700 Pennsylvania Avenue SE
Ste. #2032
Washington, DC 20003
6B@anc.dc.gov

OFFICERS

Chairperson
Edward Ryder

Vice Chair
Vince Mareino

Secretary
David Sobelsohn

Treasurer
Frank Avery

Parliamentarian
Kasie Durkit

COMMISSIONERS

- SMD 01 Frank Avery
- SMD 02 Jerry Sroufe
- SMD 03 David Sobelsohn
- SMD 04 Frank D'Andrea
- SMD 05 Kasie Durkit
- SMD 06 Chander Jayaraman
- SMD 07 Vince Mareino
- SMD 08 Edward Ryder
- SMD 09 Matt LaFortune

We look forward to working with the Committee as this important legislation moves forward. Commissioner Jerry Sroufe, chair of the 6B task force on Parks and Public Spaces, is our designated respondent for this legislation; he can be contacted at 6B02@anc.gov; 202-258-7053.

Sincerely,

Edward Ryder
2024 Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B