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VIA EMAIL: [sharon.kershbaum@dc.gov](mailto:sharon.kershbaum@dc.gov);

Re: Pedestrian Safety Concern at Lincoln Park/12th St. SE (TSI #22-00430462)

Dear Director Kershbaum:

*At a properly noticed general meeting on December 10, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted 9-0-0, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Transportation Committee, to submit the following request to the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT).*

During ANC 6B's Transportation Committee meeting on December 4, 2024, we received a presentation from a concerned neighbor about a pedestrian hazard located on the crosswalk at East Capitol and 12th St SE (south-side of Lincoln Park). It can be quite dangerous crossing the street due to the obstruction of a tree blocking the view of drivers who do not always notice pedestrians preparing to cross the street.

A TSA was originally submitted in 2020 on this issue. In 2023, DDOT determined that the best solution would be to eliminate one parking space on the south side of the intersection. This has yet to be done. Additionally, the elimination of a parking spot does not address the concern of pedestrians walking from the park to 12th St SE.

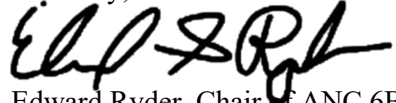
Additional steps, such as installing a pedestrian beacon system, would improve the current situation. A study in December 2021 determined that not enough pedestrians cross the street to warrant a High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) or Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB).

Conducting the study again during a warmer month and further removed from the height of the pandemic may find a different result. Alternatively, a raised crosswalk or other safety improvements may mitigate the concern. An additional crosswalk on the east side of 12<sup>th</sup> St. would also improve options for pedestrians.

We urge DDOT to include this TSI request in future prioritizations and take steps to improve safety for pedestrians crossing to and from Lincoln Park. We also urge DDOT to complete its commitment of eliminating a parking space at this location.

Thank you in advance for considering and granting great weight to our recommendations. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B