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Ms. Sharon Kershbaum
Director
Department of Transportation
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VIA EMAIL: sharon.kershbaum@dc.gov;

Re: Support for Councilmember Allen's April 9 Letter on Safety Improvements in Gessford Court SE

Dear Director Kershbaum:

At a properly noticed general meeting on May 13, 2025, 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).

On behalf of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B, we write in strong support of Councilmember Charles Allen's April 9, 2025 letter calling for urgent safety improvements in Gessford Court SE and other Neighborhood alleys.

Gessford Court is a narrow, one-block alley in Capitol Hill that serves as a critical pedestrian pathway and community space for residents, including families with young children and seniors. Its proximity to nearby schools and transit corridors increases foot traffic throughout the day. Residents and commissioners have raised serious concerns regarding unsafe conditions—including speeding vehicles, poor signage, and insufficient protection for pedestrians.

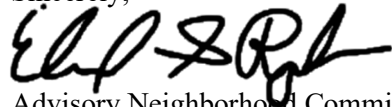
We specifically support Councilmember Allen's recommendations as they relate to Gessford Court, including:

- Installation of speed humps to reduce vehicle speeds and discourage cut-through traffic.
- Improved signage at both entrances to clearly mark Gessford as a shared space with pedestrian priority.
- Evaluation of bollard placement or similar infrastructure to protect the narrow pedestrian right-of-way.

- Coordination with DPW to ensure enforcement of existing parking and traffic regulations in the alley.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. In alignment with Councilmember Allen's request, we ask for a written response and a projected implementation timeline by April 25, 2025. We look forward to working collaboratively with DDOT to improve safety and livability for Gessford Court residents and the broader community.

Sincerely,



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Edward Ryder, Chair of ANC 6B

Karen Hughes, Vice Chair of ANC 6B and Chair of the 6B Transportation Committee