



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B
SEPTEMBER 2026 PROPOSED MEETING AGENDAS**

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APPROVED SEPTEMBER AGENDAS

- 1) **Introductions**
- 2) **Adoption of Agenda**
- 3) **Consent Agenda**
 - a) July 2026 Minutes
 - b) Acknowledgement of Committee Written Report for the following committees and taskforces:
 - i) Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis
 - ii) Transportation
 - iii) Planning & Zoning
 - iv) Public Safety
 - c) ABC Committee Recommended Actions: ANC 6B support for the license renewal applications for the following four grocery applicants, as recommended unanimously (5-0-0) by the ABC Committee in their Sept. 1 meeting:
 - i) ABRA-090639 – DCanter - Protest deadline Oct. 5, 2026
 - ii) ABRA-089539 - Yes Organic Eastern Market, Inc. – Protest Deadline Oct. 13
 - iii) ABRA-100872 - Trader Joe's East Inc – Protest Deadline Oct. 13
 - iv) ABRA-111567 - Capitol Supreme Market – Protest Deadline Oct. 13
 - d) Transportation Committee Recommended Actions:
 - i) 700 Block of 13th SE - The committee recommended unanimously that the ANC issue a letter urging DDOT to study and implement traffic safety measures on 700 Block of 13th St SE.
 - e) Planning and Zoning Committee Recommended Actions:
 - i) **BZA #21491** - 400 Seward Sq SE Letter of Support
 - f) Updates from the above committees and taskforces:
 - i) TBA

- 4) **Community & Commission Announcements & Speak Out**
 - a) Office of the Mayor (MOCR)
 - b) Councilmember Charles Allen's Office
 - c) Metropolitan Police Department
 - d) I-86 Foie Gras Resolution Presentation
 - e) DC Water Gessford Court Emergency Work Overview
 - f) Update on Items from Executive Committee Meeting
 - i) Executive Committee voted 4-0-0 to support a stipulated license for the Folger Library's application for a substantial change that would add a summer garden endorsement to their existing alcohol license.
 - g) Reminder of Upcoming Meeting Dates
- 5) **Presentations**
- 6) **ANC 6B Input on Other Concerns**
- 7) **Alcoholic Beverage & Cannabis Committee (9/1/2026)**
 - a) **New Applications**
 - i) **ABRA-128891** – BluntSluts Cannabis Parlour is applying for a new medical cannabis retail license. The applicant is requesting Delivery, Educational Tasting, and Safe-Use Treatment Facility endorsements. Committee voted 5-0-0 to recommend that the ANC support this application, contingent upon a signed settlement agreement.
 - b) **Renewals**
 - c) **Protests/Other Updates**
- 8) **Transportation Committee (9/2/2026)**
 - a) Presentation from DDOT on Personal Delivery Devices
 - b) Traffic suppression on Unit Block of 9th St. SE
 - c) WMATA buses on 4th St. SE
- 9) **Planning and Zoning Committee (9/3/2026 - 6:00pm)**
- 10) **Public Safety Committee (9/28/2026 – 6:30pm)**
- 11) **Southeast Library Taskforce (9/28/2026 – 6:30pm)**
- 12) **Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Taskforce (9/7/2026 – 7pm)**
- 13) **Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee (9/30/2026 - 7pm)**
- 14) **Financials**
 - a) Monthly Financials
- 15) **ANC 6B Administrative Matters**
- 16) **Adjournment**

PLEASE NOTE: At regular Commission meetings, any item may be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular agenda at the request of a single Commissioner. All ABC, BZA, Zoning, and Historic Preservation cases may be added to this agenda. For additional information, email 6b@anc.dc.gov, or visit ANC 6B's website: www.anc6b.org.

The ANC 6B Executive Committee will meet next on September 29th at 7:00 PM to set the October 2026 agenda. This meeting will be a Zoom virtual meeting. Meeting link will be available on the website.

ANC 6B
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Minutes

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 14, 2026

Held in Person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE and over Zoom

Commissioner Samuel Pastore, Chair

Approved at ANC 6B meeting September 8, 2026

Participating: Commissioners Gorman, Hughes, Krebs, Mareino, Pastore, Sobelsohn, Sroufe, and Wolanin.

Vacant: ANC 6B08.

Commissioner Pastore called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Adoption of Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to adopt the agenda as proposed. At the motion of the following commissioners, and without objection, the agenda was amended as followed: Commissioner--

a. Wolanin moved to delete, from the report of the Transportation Committee--

1) Parking hours in the school zone on South Carolina Ave., SE.

2) ANC input on a traffic-controlling-measures petition.

b. Mareino moved to add, to the Consent Agenda, approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee's recommendation to support Devon Hinojosa's application to expand his 1236 D St., SE, home by approximately 16 feet, with the goal of making the house a three-bedroom, three-bathroom residence.

c. Hughes moved to delete the Congressional Cemetery from Commission Announcements, while retaining the Congressional Cemetery as a presentation.

d. Sobelsohn to add, to Announcements, Commissioner Mareino's appointment of Commissioner Pastore as vice-chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

The motion, as amended, passed 8-0.

2. Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Krebs seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as modified. The motion passed 8-0. The Consent Agenda included the following:

a. June 9 minutes: Adoption of the June 9, 2026 minutes as proposed. Those minutes can be found at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/ANC6B-6-2026-Full-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>.

b. Official acceptance, of written reports and minutes of action since June 9, from the following committees: from the Committee on--

1) Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis: report at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/ANC6B-7-2026-ABC-Committee-Report.pdf>.

2) Planning and Zoning: minutes at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/ANC6B-7-2026-PZ-Minutes.pdf>.

3) Transportation: report at <https://anc6b.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/ANC6B-7-2026-Transportation-Committee-Report.pdf>.

c. Other committee matters.

1) Confirmation of Commissioner Hughes's appointment of Haley Burnett as 6B09 Alternate Resident Member of the Public Safety Committee.

2) Approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee's recommendation to support Devon Hinojosa's application to expand his 1236 D St., SE, home by approximately 16 feet, with the goal of making the house a three-bedroom, three-bathroom residence.

3. Announcements by--

a. Commissioner Mareino--

1) For Commissioner Pastore, of upcoming ANC meetings:

a) In-person at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and livestreamed over Zoom (with links to be posted at anc6b.org): meetings of the--

1-- Public Safety Committee, Monday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.

2-- Southeast Library Taskforce, Monday, July 27, 6:30 p.m.

3-- Full ANC 6B, Tuesday, September 8, 7 p.m.

- b) Virtual only, over Zoom: meetings at 7 p.m. of the--
 - 1-- Executive Committee, Tuesday, August 25.
 - 2-- Committees on--
 - a-- Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Tuesday, September 1.
 - b-- Transportation Wednesday, September 2.
 - c-- Planning and Zoning Thursday, September 3.
 - c) In-person only, at 700 Pennsylvania Ave., SE: Taskforce on Public Parks and Recreation Spaces Monday, July 20, at 7 p.m.
- 2) For the Planning and Zoning Committee, which he chairs, his appointment of Commissioner Pastore as committee vice-chair.
- b. Other DC government representatives: by--
 - 1) Tre Bracey, of the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS).
 - a) Housing legislation: Mayor Bowser has introduced two housing-related bills, now under consideration by the DC Council.
 - 1-- Housing Investment Protection Act of 2026 (DC Bill B26-0758). HIPA would--
 - a-- Establish timelines for initial landlord-tenant court hearings.
 - b-- Modify eviction procedures related to illegal activity.
 - c-- Clarify a housing provider's right to enter rental units for inspections, maintenance, and repairs.
 - d-- Modify the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act regarding who qualifies as a "tenant."
 - e-- Expand the DC Housing Authority's power to relocate tenants during repairs.
 - f-- Expand the Local Rental Supplement Program for project-based vouchers.
 - 2-- Illegal Occupancy Enforcement Amendment Act of 2026 (Bill 26-0757). The IOEA would grant the Metropolitan Police Department power to remove tenants who overstay short-term rentals beyond the rental term. Bracey promised to get back to the ANC regarding MPD's input, if any, on this proposal.
 - b) RFK Master Plan. The mayor has released the June 30 draft of her Master Plan for redevelopment of 280 acres around the RFK Stadium site, including land across the Anacostia River. The public can comment on that plan through August 24. Bracey thought, but could not confirm, that the plan addressed multi-lease housing properties such as Air B&B & intern dormitories.
 - 2) Captain Adam Crist of the Metropolitan Police Department.
 - a) ANC crime statistics. Captain Crist reported that, compared to this time in 2025, violent crime is down 63%, robbery and carjacking are down 73%, motor-vehicle thefts are down 52%, but thefts from motor vehicles--most north of Pennsylvania Ave., SE--are up 15%.
 - b) Specific questions.
 - 1-- Handcuffs: Captain Crist reported that MPD training requires that the police not use handcuffs without a responsible suspicion that a crime has occurred and that handcuffs are needed for public or MPD safety.
 - 2-- Narcotics, loitering, and squatting on K St., SE, east of 14th St., SE. Captain Crist reported that without--
 - a-- Undercover work MPD has difficulty controlling the street distribution of narcotics stronger than marijuana.
 - b-- Complaints by the building owner MPD has difficulty enforcing laws against squatting. Regarding holdover tenants under the proposed Illegal Occupancy Enforcement Amendment Act of 2026 (Bill 26-0757), Captain Crist deferred responding about MPD input until the issuance of official MPD guidance.
 - 3-- Illegal auto-mechanic shops: Captain Crist referred this issue to the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection.
4. Congressional Cemetery Presentation. Cemetery Executive Director Mark Hudson and project curator Ashley Molese made a presentation about "The Seed Keepers," a work of art the cemetery hopes to install in spring 2027. To support the installation, the cemetery is applying for a \$125,000 grant from the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities ("DCCA"). The grant would cover permitting, fabrication, and a \$25,000 fee for Nekisha Durrett, the artist. Modeled on granary baskets from West African weaving tradition, the artwork will consist of two urns, called "keepers," each consisting of 23 silver-gilded bricks, in a formerly segregated African-American section of the cemetery. Twenty-three unidentified bodies are buried between the proposed sites of the two urns. The cemetery will use this project in part to try to find descendants of those buried in that section, and has committed to keep the urns there for at least one year, after which the cemetery may return them to the artist. Commissioner Hughes moved/- Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to send DCCA an ANC 6B letter of support for the grant. The motion passed 8-0.
5. Other ANC Concern: Increasing ANC Access to DC Agency Information. Commissioner Pastore moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to authorize Commissioners Hughes, Pastore, and Sobelsohn to draft a letter to the mayor and DC councilmembers to amend DC law to require DC agencies to provide agency records to ANCs on request without requiring the ANC to file a formal Freedom of Information Act Request, subject however to the limitations in the DC Freedom of Information Act. The motion passed 8-0.
6. Committee and Taskforce Reports: from--
 - a. Committees on--
 - 1) Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis: Stacey Elouadihi and Ismail Ahmad have applied for a medical cannabis retail license, with delivery and tasting endorsements, for Lotus Wellness DC, to be upstairs at 1430 Pennsylvania Ave., SE (ABRA-135555). The committee recommended support for this application but did not produce a signed settlement by the July 14 ANC meeting.

Commissioner Mareino moved/Commission Sroufe seconded to support the application. The motion passed 7-0. Commissioner Sobelsohn abstained.

2) Transportation.

a) Contraflow Bike Lane on 500 Block of 2nd St., SE (NOI 26-256-MPDD). The committee recommends that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) move its proposed 2nd St. bike lane from the west side of the street to the east side of the street. Commissioner Tyler moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to endorse the committee's recommendation. The motion passed 8-0.

b) Raised crosswalk at corner of 2nd St. and South Carolina Ave., SE. DDOT is currently repaving South Carolina Ave., SE, just east of 2nd St., SE. The committee recommends that, as part of that repaving, the ANC urge DDOT to create a raised crosswalk on South Carolina Ave., just east of 2nd St., SE. Commissioner Wolanin moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to endorse the committee's recommendation. The motion passed 8-0.

c) Renaming of Potomac Avenue Circle. Commissioner Hughes reported that a majority of poll respondents voted to support naming the new Potomac Avenue Circle after Roberta Cleopatra Flack (1937-2015). Flack was a Howard University graduate who later taught at DC public schools. She got her professional start singing at Capitol Hill's own Mr. Henry's, 601 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, and eventually earned 13 Grammy nominations, winning four plus a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. Commissioner Hughes moved/Commissioner Sobelsohn seconded to authorize Commissioner Hughes to write a letter, on the ANC's behalf to all DC councilmembers and the mayor, urging Council to name the circle after Flack, and including details of how the ANC reached its recommendation. The motion passed 8-0.

3) Planning and Zoning. The owners of 513 10th St., SE, have applied to the Historic Preservation Review Board to approve plans to convert a currently vacant 5-unit apartment building to a single-family home, and also to convert an adjacent garage into another single-family home (HPA 26-334). The project does not need approval from the Board of Zoning Adjustment, just from HPRB. The committee recommends the ANC file, with HPRB, a support letter with the following conditions: the applicant must first (a) perform, and give the neighbors and ANC 6B the results of, a shade study; (b) provide HPRB with a written estimate of construction timing; and (c) discuss, with HPRB, different options for work on the building's current awning. Commissioner Mareino moved/Commissioner Gorman seconded to endorse the committee's recommendation. The motion passed 8-0.

b. Taskforces on--

1) Southeast Library. Taskforce chair Commissioner Sobelsohn reported that the DC Public Library has announced that the renovated Southeast library will open on Thursday, September 10, but that the Arthur Capper interim library will close on July 31. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Pastore seconded to urge the mayor and councilmembers to cause DCPL to keep at least a "holds" bookcase and a book-return bin at Arthur Capper through August, unless keeping just those two services available at Arthur Capper would relay reopening the Southeast library. The motion passed 5-0, with Commissioners Krebs, Mareino, and Wolanin abstaining. Commissioner Pastore moved to reconsider. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Sobelsohn opposed and Commissioners Hughes, Krebs, Mareino, Sroufe, and Wolanin abstaining. Reconsidered, the motion again passed, this time 3-1, with Commissioner Mareino opposed and Commissioners Hughes, Krebs, Mareino, and Wolanin abstaining.

2) Public Parks and Recreation Spaces. Commissioner--

a) Sroufe, taskforce chair, reported that, regarding--

1-- Environmental effects of upcoming America 250 celebrations: the DC Department of the Environment has upcoming forums on this, on which Commissioner Sroufe will report at the September 8 ANC 6B meeting.

2-- Rumsey Aquatic Center renovation: the DC Department of Parks and Recreation will hold an update meeting Wednesday, July 22, 7 p.m. in the Eastern Market North Hall, 225 7th St., SE.

b) Wolanin agreed to ask the National Park Service the reopening day for Folger Park and report to the ANC at its September meeting.

7. Financials. Treasurer Commissioner Krebs reported that the ANC started July with approximately \$73,500 in its bank account; that the ANC earned \$9 in interest in July; that the ANC spent \$1,891 to rent meeting space in July and \$1,420 in July for administrative assistance; and that the ANC bank account now has a balance of \$70,221. The Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions has not sent ANC 6B its quarterly stipend since February. Commissioner Krebs will determine the problem and report to the ANC at its September meeting.

8. Election of New Vice-Chair: With the resignation of former ANC 6B Commissioner and Vice-Chair Ryder, the positions are now vacant. Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Wolanin seconded to elect Commissioner Hughes vice-chair until the ANC elects a new vice-chair at its January 2027 meeting. The motion passed 8-0.

9. Adjournment: Commissioner Sobelsohn moved/Commissioner Gorman seconded to adjourn. The motion passed 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sobelsohn
ANC 6B Secretary



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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B

ABC COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

September 5, 2026

1. ***Committee Introductions:***

- a. Resident Members & Alternates: Chander Jayaraman, Russ Mawn, Chuck Burger
- b. Commissioners: David Sobelsohn, Karen Hughes (Chair)

2. ***Guest Speaker - Cannabis Industry Update:*** Grace Hyde, Vice President of the Regulated Cannabis Association of the District of Columbia (RCA-DC), and Vice President of District Cannabis' Vice President for Operations and Manufacturing

- a. The cannabis industry is entering a consolidation phase, with ABCA beginning over the past 2 years to enforce licensing, moving DC away from the “gifting” model of cannabis purchases. While there are 60+ stores in DC today, a sustainable number is probably somewhere in the 40s.
- b. Medical cannabis businesses in DC continue to be hobbled by marijuana’s federal Schedule I drug status, which means that medical dispensaries are subject to tax rule 280E, which limits their ability to write off business expenses and subjects them to a much higher tax rate than other businesses in the District.
- c. The renewal period for all medical cannabis shops in the DC area will begin in December. ANC 6B can therefore expect most renewal cases to come before the ABC Committee in January or February of 2027.

3. ***New Medical Cannabis Application: BluntSluts Cannabis Parlour, 1221 Pennsylvania Ave SE - ABRA***

- a. Shelby Fountain, co-owner of BluntSluts Cannabis Parlour, presented to the ABC Committee, sharing that the business is focused on providing a community space for women in the context of safe cannabis usage. They have an established, successful store in Adams Morgan and are looking to expand to this second location on Pennsylvania Ave SE. The committee had several questions about the Safe-Use Treatment Facility endorsement application, with the main concern being the potential for odor encroachment outside of the property’s walls. Ms. Fountain shared with the committee that the filtration system mandated by law and installed by the prior tenant (Bud Love – which also had a Safe-Use Treatment Facility endorsement) has been inspected, and new filters have been installed.
- b. Given that the protest deadline is September 28, the committee reviewed the proposed settlement agreement and voted 5-0-0 to recommend that the ANC support the application of BluntSluts Cannabis Parlour, contingent on a settlement

agreement before the vote. The committee did not recommend inclusion in the consent agenda.

4. *Grocery Renewals*

- a. The committee invited and spoke to representatives from all four local grocery stores about their businesses. No major challenges were identified, and the committee voted 5-0-0 to recommend support all 4 renewals, and add this support to the consent agenda.
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 - ii. ABRA-089539 - Yes Organic Eastern Market, Inc. – Protest Deadline Oct. 13
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5. *Administrative Issue: Protest Template Review*

- a. The committee reviewed and discussed making future changes to a draft template for protesting license applications. Resident members Burger and Jayaraman offered to send in written comments on the current document.

6. *Adjournment*

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B
Transportation Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2026
Report

1. Attendance
 - a. Resident Members: Kirsten Oldenburg, Matt Clausen, Janice Kruger, Brian Kirrane (Alternate), Mike Litt
 - b. Commissioners: Tyler L. Wolanin (Chair), Dave Sobelsohn, Sam Pastore, Karen Hughes
2. Presentation from DDOT on Personal Delivery Devices (Stephanie Dock, Manager of Innovation Branch)
 - a. Small robots delivering food. Companies: Kiwibot/Robot.com; Serve; Coco
 - b. Contact: sidewalk.robots@dc.gov (for violations etc.)
 - c. Second proposed rulemaking forthcoming
 - d. Still working on privacy and data situation
 - e. See appendix for additional information
3. Traffic suppression on Unit Block of 9th St. SE
 - a. Request for speed bump between East Capitol St. and North Carolina
 - i. Constituents: Don Denton: presented petition
 - b. (Pastore/Sobelsohn) Resolution, to DDOT and Cmb. Allen (including petition from residents) recommending speed bump placed. 8-0-0 (consent agenda)
4. Traffic suppression on 700 Block of 13th St SE (Hughes)
 - a. (Hughes/Sobelsohn) Letter to DDOT and Charles Allen: block prioritized for DDOT study for traffic calming measures (speedbump possible but not committed – maybe daylighting or road narrowing). 8-0-0 (consent agenda)
5. WMATA busses on 4th St. SE (constituent: Meredith Moldenhauer)
 - a. Continuous bus use on street. Busses are not out of service – one picture for ex. of D-10. Multiple busses together in short period (two minutes, etc.).
 - b. Oldenburg: America 250th causing rerouting, should end on Sept. 15th. Only one bus route authorized, traveling to Union Station
 - c. Constituent: Dave Brennan: corroborating, also issues with bikes heading through stop signs. Historic homes, heavy traffic causes cracks and damage
 - d. Hughes: suggest information gathering: documentation of “day in the life.” On interaction: DDOT is infrastructure, WMATA is bus routes. Could speak to Historic Preservation Board
 - e. Constituent: Dunniela Kaufman Levin: heavy traffic preventing parking
 - f. “Several routes near the National Mall will detour to accommodate set up and tear down for the Freedom 250 Grand Prix. The D1X and D10 routes have been on detour since June and will continue to reroute through Sept. 15. Routes D4X, D6X, D30, D32, D40, D44, D50 and D60 will be on detour from Aug. 1 through Sept. 15. Late-Night Service on routes D30, D40, D50, and D60 will also be on detour during this time. Additionally, the following routes will be on detour from Aug. 21 through Sept. 15: A40, C11, C55, D10 (additional detour), D24, and D1X (additional detour).” ([link](#))
 - i. D10 is Sept. 12th
 - g. Committee will hope to host WMATA in October and gain additional information

Appendix:

Further information on Personal Delivery Devices from DDOT presentation:

- None are in Ward 6 currently, at least not Hill area
- Devices must clearly display contact information; be clean and in good working condition
- Cannot exceed 10 MPH
- Like a pedestrian in where they can go, except that a PDD shall yield the right-of-way
- If a technology failure or loss of communication occurs during the operation of a PDD, the PDD shall alert the operator and, if the PDD operator is unable to assume direct control of the device, come to an off-roadway stop (and be promptly removed)
- Not to be staged or stored in public space
- DDOT has the authority to issue civil fines and penalties and/or revoke a permit if necessary



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SMD 07 Vince Marcino

SMD 08 (Vacant)

SMD 09 Karen Hughes

Re: Traffic Calming Measures on 700 Block of 13th St SE

Dear Director Kershbaum and Committee Chair Allen,

At a regularly scheduled, properly noticed, meeting on Sept. 8 2026, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted (X-X-X) to support this letter urging traffic calming on the 700 block of 13th St SE.

Twenty-two residents of the 700 block of 13th St SE have signed the attached petition to urge DDOT to prioritize traffic calming and safety measures on their block. There are five related Traffic Safety Input requests pending investigation visible on DDOT's TSI portal (26-00458888, 26-00453460, 23-00331988, 26-00447662, 25-00244405).

This block has a few unique characteristics that merit scrutiny from the team at DDOT. First, it is directly south of Pennsylvania and subject to high-speed pass-through traffic. The complex, 5-way intersection recently merited the installation of a "No Turn on Red" sign (NOI 26-207-MSED) to address traffic safety concerns. Drivers coming from Pennsylvania Ave SE to the north and Potomac Ave SE to the south are often traveling at high speeds. Neighbors have reported serious accidents at the intersections when drivers traveling at speed fail to make the turn. It seems very likely that drivers are using this block to get from Pennsylvania to the D-3 ramp to I-695.

Halfway through the block, a driveway connects the street to a parking lot used by visitors and residents of Potomac Gardens public housing complex. The driveway lacks any daylighting, and cars exiting the parking lot present a collision risk to this high-speed traffic.

Neighbors have specifically requested the installation of speedbumps and asked to minimize the impact on parking of any updates to the street. ANC 6B respectfully requests DDOT's expertise in evaluating and implementing the appropriate safety measures that will slow traffic transiting this block.

Sincerely,

Samuel Pastore
Chair, ANC 6B
Commissioner 6B05



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Neighbor Petition to Improve Safety on the 700 Block of 13th St
Attn: District Department of Transportation
July, 2026

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) implement traffic calming measures on the 700 block of 13th Street SE to improve safety for residents, pedestrians, and cyclists. Potential measures may include speed humps, daylighting at intersections, contraflow bike lanes, and other interventions as DDOT deems appropriate. These measures should also include the intersection of I St SE, Potomac Ave and 13th St SE. The undersigned support DDOT's evaluation and prompt action to address these safety concerns.

1. Simone Brown, 718 13th St SE
2. Veronica Lusetti - Shinger, 716 13th St SE
3. Marshall Lusetti - Shinger, 716 13th St SE
4. Virginia Milburn 758 13th St SE
5. JoAnn Patterson 730 1/2 13th St SE
6. Charlene Burwell 1000 12th St SE Wash DC
7. Matt Wynn 730 13th St SE
8. Jillian Lukose, 740 13th St SE
9. Steve Lukose 740 13th St SE
10. Chris Kizer 742 13th St SE
11. Barry Leon 742 13th St SE
12. Daphane Womack 744 13th St SE
13. Daryl Womack 744 13th St SE



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11. Todd Turner 754 13th SE *Todd Turner*
12. Joanna Liberman 754 13th SE *Joanna Liberman*
13. Wm. NEWELL 752 13th SE *Wm. Newell*
14. Josh Barry 764 13th SE *Josh Barry*
15. AZIZ SHAFI 768 13th SE *Aziz Shafi*
16. Ethel *Ethel* 1000 12th St. SE *Ethel*
17. Princesilla 1000 12th St SE *Princesilla*
18. Allison McBride 1398 KST SE, DC 20003 *Allison McBride*
19. Jan J. Lewis 1378 N St SE *Jan J. Lewis*
- 20.
- 21.
- 22.
- 23.
- 24.

Attendance: Whit Smith RM 6B03, Maggie Daley RM 6B05, Commissioner Sam Pastore 6B05, Commissioner David Sobelsohn 6B03, Commissioner Vince Mareino 6B07 (P&Z Chair and note-taker)

1. 400 Seward Sq SE (BZA #21491, hearing October 21, 2026)

- a. Area variance requested for *internal construction only*. Applicant is an apartment building owner. They propose to convert excess maintenance space into 2 additional units.
- b. This ANC supported and the BZA granted the exact same application in 2020, but the building owner did not go ahead with the project at that time, so the permit expired
- c. There are only 2 close buildings; the owners of both neighboring buildings have verbally offered their support, and will get it in writing soon.
- d. After BZA approval, it would take ~1 month it would go to the full DOB permit process. ~6 months to get that permit, and then, ~6-8 months for construction.
- e. This building is under a possible Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) process (that is, the tenants might buy the building.)
- f. **Motion: endorse, with condition that this endorsement is only related to the BZA, and has no relation to any possible TOPA process. (Not on consent agenda, in case tenants show up at the ANC meeting.) (Mareino, Pastore). Unanimous 5-0-0.**

September __, 2026

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

At a properly noticed meeting on September 8, 2026, with a quorum present and with the unanimous recommendation of its Planning And Zoning (P&Z) Committee, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted XX-XX-XX to submit the following letter to the DC Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB).

ANC 6B supports the proposed renovation at **400 Seward Sq SE**, docketed as **BZA #21491**.

Substantively, we find that the project is for internal construction only, and could not reasonably have a negative effect on the rest of the neighborhood. As ANC 6B has suggested in the past, the historic nature of Capitol Hill is as a neighborhood of high-density homes, and we support continuing to increase that density.

ANC 6B voted to support this project on the condition that our endorsement is limited to the BZA process. We are aware that, as a residential apartment building, this property may be subject to the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA) process. Our endorsement of the BZA application is not intended in any way to affect any possible TOPA process.

Thank you,

Vince Mareino, 6B07, Chair of ANC 6B P&Z



**ANC 6B June 2026 Public Safety Committee Report
for the hybrid meeting held on July 27, 2026, from 6:30 – 8:30p.m.**

Committee Chair Brian Gorman, Commissioner, 6B04

AGENDA & REPORT

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:41pm.

Attendees

Brian Gorman, Chair and Commissioner 6B04

Kelly Waud, Vice Chair, RM 6B06

Frank Boudra RM alternate, 6B03

Ann Keep, RM 6B05

Eric Miller, RM 6B 6B09

Captain Adam Crist, MPD 1D

2. Crime Update (Captain Crist)

- **Violent Crime: No violent crimes** (robberies, assaults with a dangerous weapon, homicides, or sexual assaults) were reported in the preceding 30 days. Overall, violent crime is **down 64%** compared to the same time period last year.
- **Property Crime & Theft:** General thefts (package, retail, and bike thefts) have experienced a slight increase. However, **motor vehicle thefts are down 52% for the year** (with only 6 incidents in the last 30 days compared to 14 in the same period last year), and burglaries are down 33%. Theft from autos saw a slight 11% uptick, primarily north of Pennsylvania Avenue, though this has started to subside.
- **Notable Incident:** A burglary occurred at a business in the 1100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, where an individual was able to pull open a door due to a faulty locking mechanism and steal \$200 from the cash register. Police have video footage and have issued a "BOLO" (Be on the Lookout) alert.

2. Resident Concerns & Community Safety Issues

- **Shots 13th and L:** The committee raised concerns about two reported incidents of gunshots near the 1300 block of L Street. Captain Chris explained how MPD classifies these incidents based on evidence (e.g., "sounds of gunshots" if there is no physical evidence; "unlawful discharge" if shell casings or property damage are found). He confirmed an unlawful discharge occurred on Friday night around 1:30 AM, where **five shell casings were recovered**. No 911 calls or reports were logged for the Saturday night incident. The committee suggested exploring additional lighting in the area to deter future activity.

- **Drug Activity on K/L and Ives:** A resident reported open, persistent drug activity in the 1400 block of K/L Street and Ives, highlighting a suspected distributor driving a truck with Virginia plates and local dealers. She asked why MPD officers did not pull over the Virginia vehicle after a 911 call. Captain Crist explained that police cannot execute traffic stops based solely on a 911 tip; they must establish independent reasonable suspicion or witness a traffic infraction. He requested that the resident forward her videos to him so he could send them to MPD's Narcotics Enforcement Unit (NEU) and the local Crime Suppression Team. The resident also reported that housing authorities had arrested a woman for drug possession near the area that Friday.
- **Cannabis Dispensary Closures:** In response to a query about Aloha on Barracks Row being denied an ABCA license due to criminal activity tied to its ownership in Virginia, Captain Crist noted that MPD's Violent Crime Suppression Division works closely with ABCA to execute search warrants and close non-compliant establishments.
- **"Teen Takeovers" and Youth Activity:** Captain Crist discussed how late-night events sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) have helped manage youth gatherings by channeling them into controlled environments (such as a recent event at the St. Elizabeths campus that drew 1,000 kids). He noted that while the events themselves run smoothly, the "let out" phase near transit stops remains a period of "controlled chaos". He added that Eastern Market and Barracks Row have largely avoided these popup events because they lack the large open spaces or waterfront draws found in areas like Navy Yard or the Wharf.

3. Judiciary & Council for Court Excellence (CCE) Update

Ann Keep shared updates from the Council for Court Excellence regarding staffing and funding challenges at the DC Superior Court:

- **Judicial Vacancies:** The U.S. Senate recently advanced a resolution for the block certification of nominees, which includes **eight nominees for the DC Superior Court**. This is expected to bring immediate relief to a court heavily strained by long-standing vacancies.
- **Budget Reductions:** CCE is currently addressing significant decreases in the court's trial and operational budgets. Ann plans to share a sign-on advocacy letter with the committee to distribute to residents and promote increased funding.

4. Committee Planning & Future Agenda Items

The ANC and the Public Safety Committee will not meet in August. The next meeting is scheduled for **late September**, and the committee discussed several focus areas for the fall:

- **Traffic Safety & Enforcement:** The committee plans to invite representatives to discuss enforcement, potentially including someone from Councilmember Charles Allen's office who worked on the STEER Act, representatives from MPD, or the Office of the Attorney General. Additionally, Ann raised a safety concern regarding illegal two-way bicycle and scooter traffic in front of the post office on Pennsylvania Ave.
- **Jail Redevelopment Funding:** Following a discussion on the pulled funding for the DC Jail redevelopment, the committee agreed to research the current funding status and progress of the multi-phase redevelopment project.
- **Agency Outreach:** The committee plans to coordinate with the Department of Public Works (DPW) on parking enforcement issues and follow up on outreach initiatives with the Office of Unified Communications (OUC). They will also continue to track the certification status of the city's crime lab.



The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

INITIATIVE 86

Prohibit Force-Feeding of Birds Act of 2026

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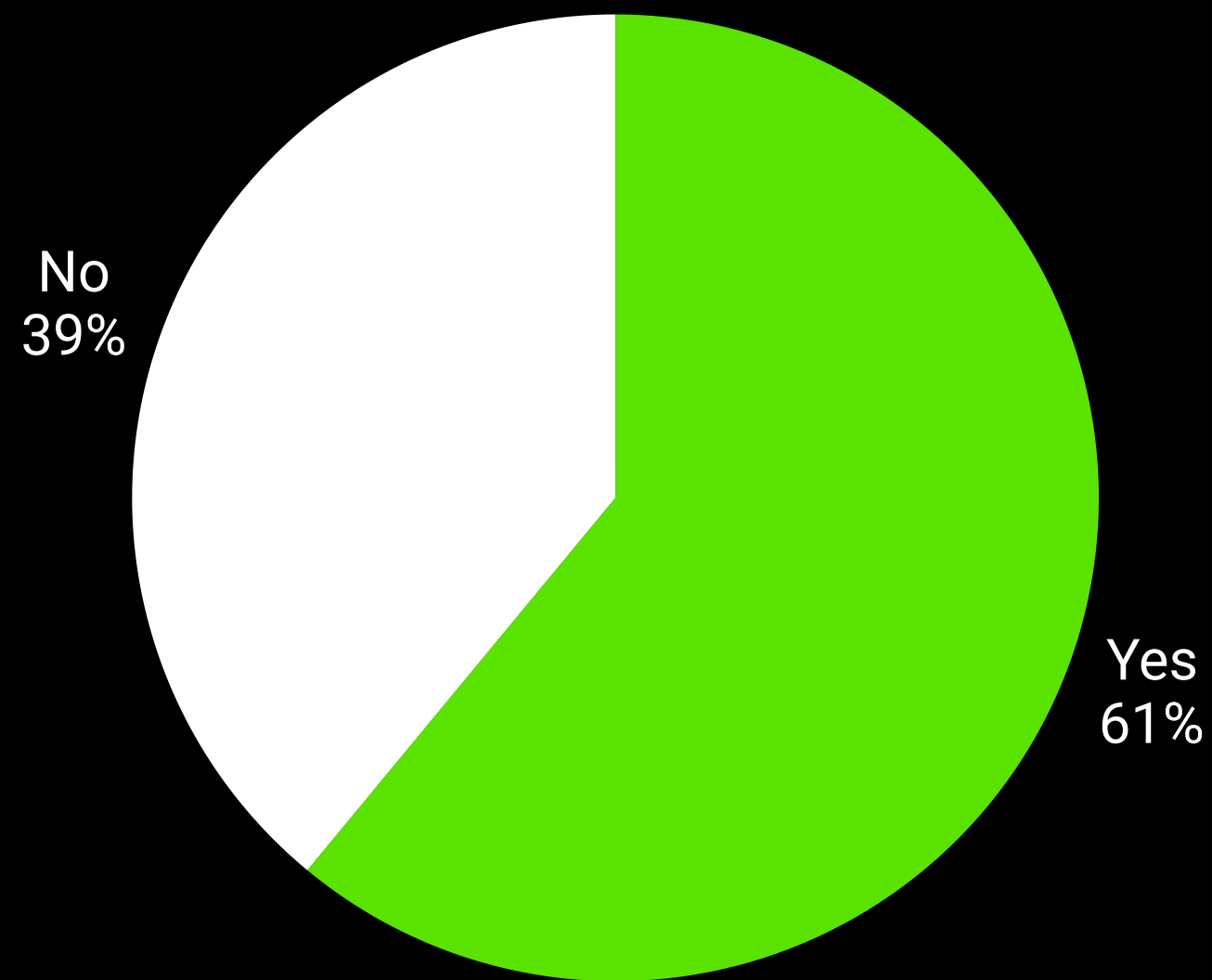
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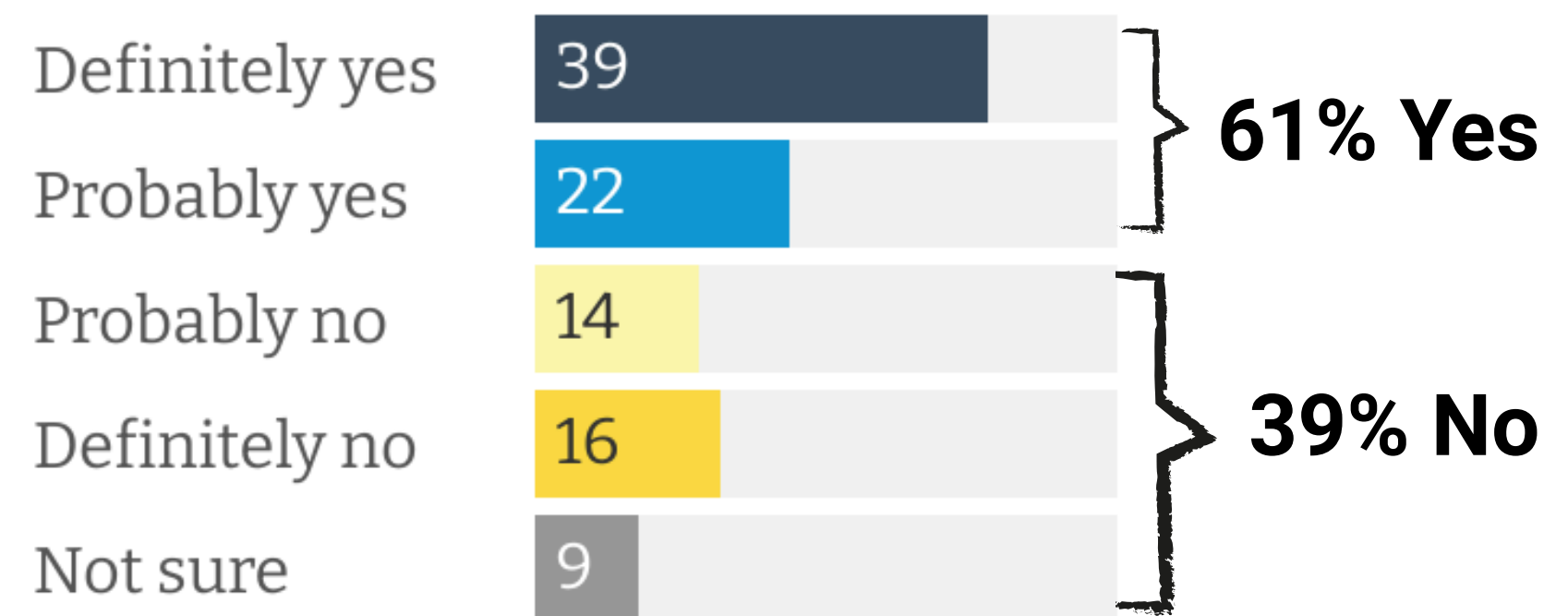
- Initiative 86 would prohibit both the force-feeding of birds and the sale of products produced using force-feeding (i.e. foie gras) in the District
- Two dozen restaurants consistently sell foie gras in the District (and two dozen more serve it seasonally)
- If approved by voters, the law would take effect July 1, 2027.

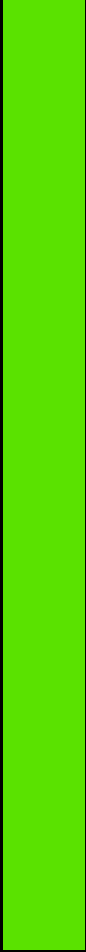
If the election were held today, how would you vote?



Embold Research polled 512 likely 2026 voters in Washington, DC using Dynamic Online Sampling to attain a representative sample. This slide shows the results after likely voters were shown supportive and opposition messaging, which is the most accurate prediction of final results.

A MAJORITY OF DC VOTERS SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE.





The last remaining foie gras
factory farms in the U.S. say
that they claim to be cage-free
and treat animals humanely.

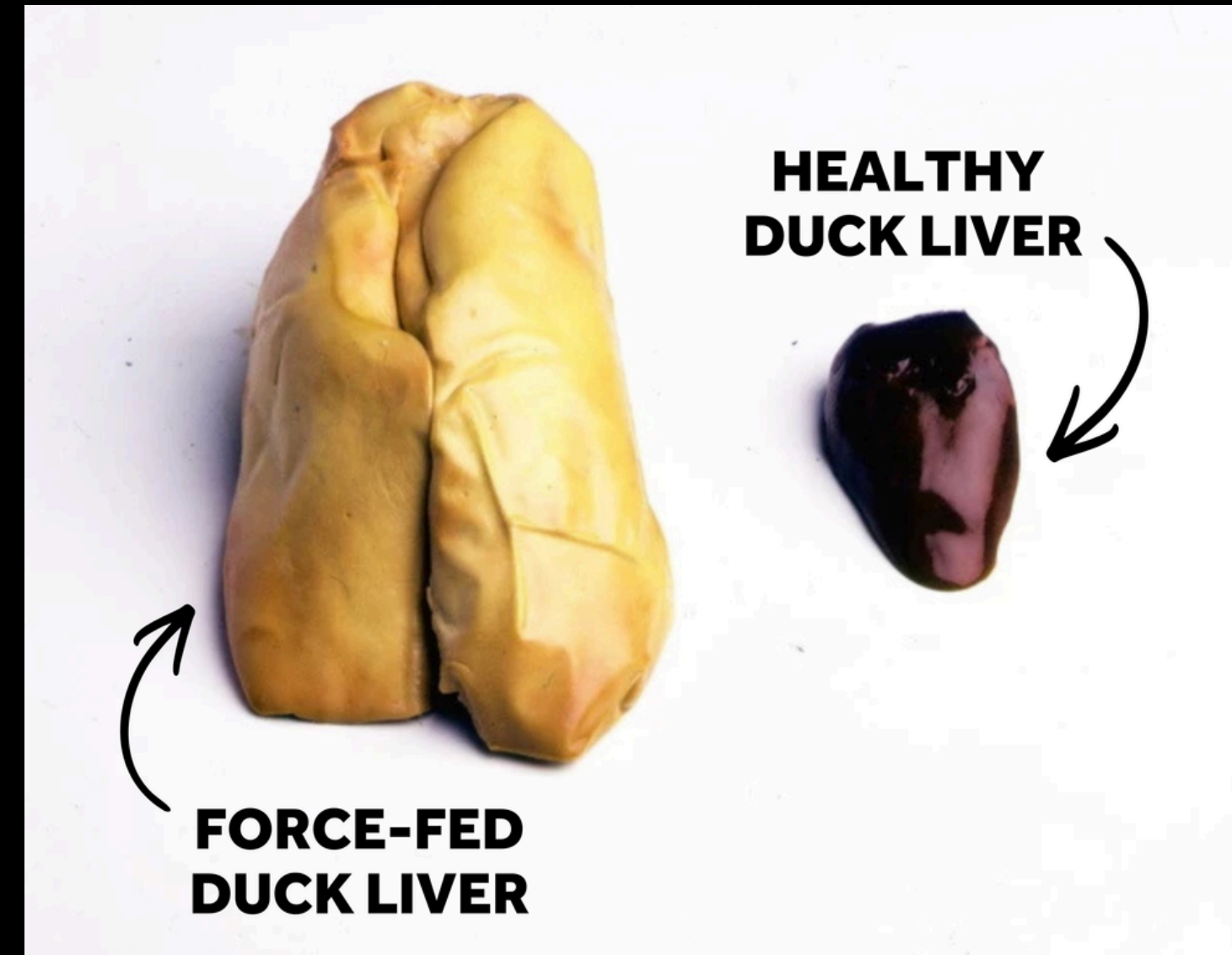
New images taken on Feb. 19th, 2026 at the largest foie gras farm in the U.S. reveal they still use brutal **force-feeding methods.**



Birds are kept in small pens without access to water for bathing. Their feathers become wet and soiled.



At commercial foie gras farms, ducks are force-fed 3 times daily until they get fatty liver disease.





**“We're not harming them, we're making them happy by feeding them.”
– Marcus Henley, Hudson Valley Vice President of Operations**



**END FORCE
FEEDING!**

**CAMPAIGN
TIMELINE**

TIMELINE

Phase 1

Phase 2

Phase 3

Research,
polling,
coalition
building

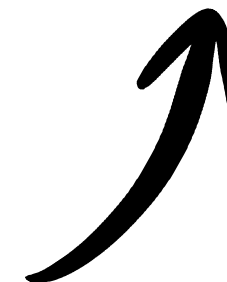
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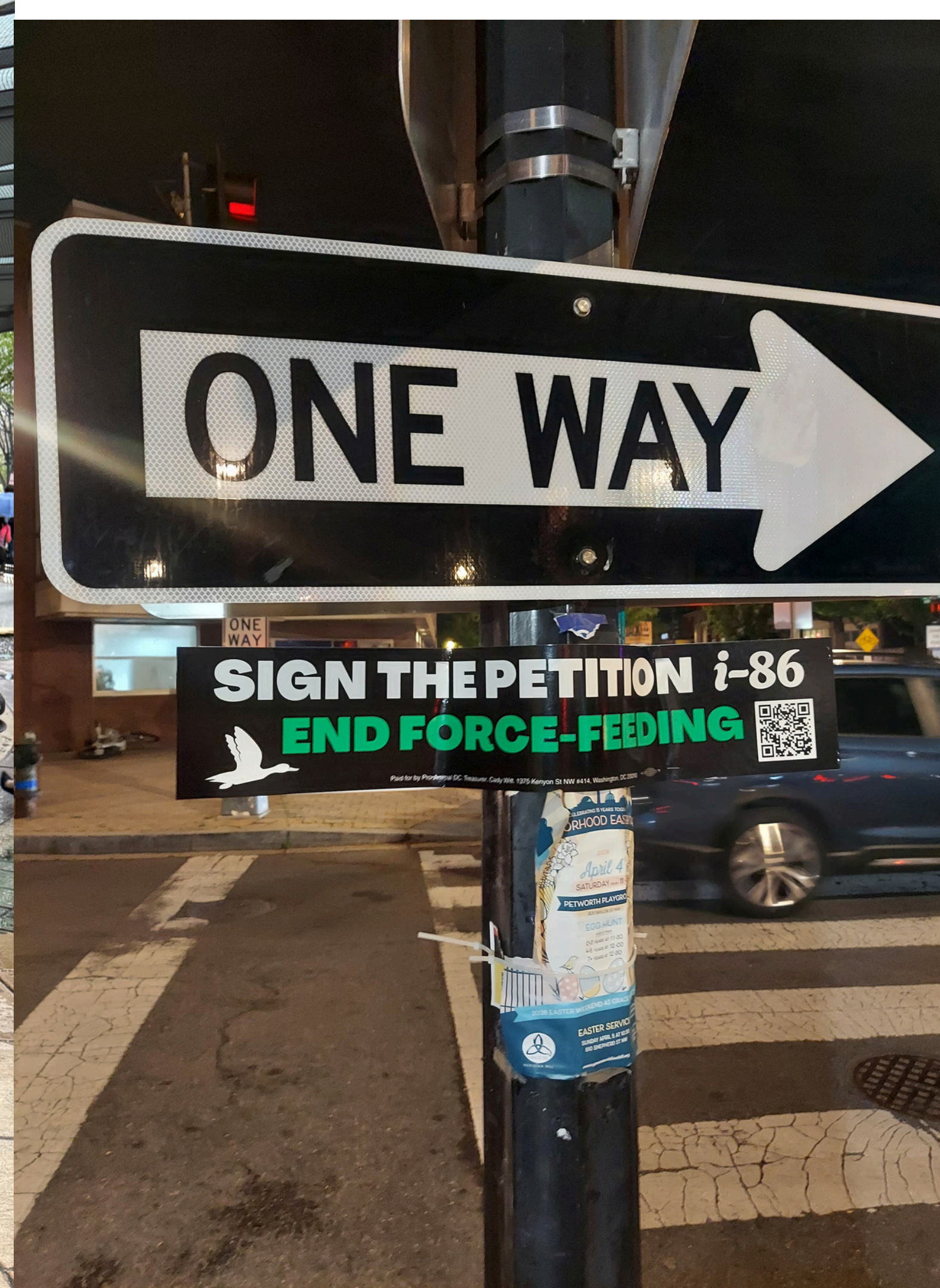
April - June
Collect ~29,000
valid signatures
in 3 months

July
Qualify for
the ballot

August - October
Mass voter
outreach,
endorsements,
advertising

November 3
end force-
feeding





OUR ASKS:

1. Support the resolution that is being distributed to ANCs
2. Endorse this initiative in your personal capacity



RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT INITIATIVE 86
Prohibiting Sale of Products Derived from Force-Feeding Animals

WHEREAS, foie gras is a luxury food, produced by force-feeding ducks and geese through a tube to grow their livers up to ten times their original size, causing broken beaks, throat injuries, and organ failure, and

WHEREAS, the American Veterinary Medical Association has identified serious concerns with foie-gras production, and

WHEREAS, DC produces no foie gras, and less than 2% of DC restaurants sell foie gras, and

WHEREAS, California, Pittsburgh, and 27 countries, including the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, India, Norway, Poland, Turkey, and Israel, ban the sale of foie gras made from force-feeding, and

WHEREAS, 87% of Americans support a ban on selling force-fed foie gras, and

WHEREAS, Initiative 86, the Prohibiting Force-Feeding of Birds Act of 2026, would ban the sale of products derived from force-fed birds, including foie gras, effective July 1, 2027, and

WHEREAS, Initiative 86 will be on the general-election ballot this November,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B--

1. Supports Initiative 86, the Prohibiting Force-Feeding of Birds Act of 2026;
2. Encourages ANC 6B residents to vote for Initiative 86; and--
3. Urges the DC Council and Mayor to support policies that end the sale of products derived from force-feeding.

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EMERGENCY WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B

EMERGENCY WORK OVERVIEW

DC Water is working to replace lead service lines across the District of Columbia with new copper pipes. In the process of this work, we identified a leaking water main on the Unit Block of Gessford Court SE. To address this leak efficiently, we are adding the replacement of this water main as Emergency Work to the existing construction in this area.

These efforts, including repairing the leaking water main and replacing older lead and galvanized pipes with new copper pipes, will improve water quality and system reliability, increase water pressure in some areas, and maintain adequate flows throughout the system.

We are sharing this information to help you understand the work happening nearby and how it may impact you.

Construction for this project will occur in the Capitol Hill neighborhood (see construction location map below). Even if construction is not occurring directly on your block, you may experience:

- Construction noise
- Parking restrictions
- More vehicles parked on your street
- Temporary water shutoffs to support water main replacement
- Impacts to Trash and recycling pickup (Gessford Court alley only)

SCHEDULE AND TIMELINE

- Normal work hours: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Monday through Friday
- The contractor may need to work at night or on weekends, depending upon certain construction activities and approval.

Work on this project is broken up into two separate phases:

Phase 1 – Under Construction

Location

- 11th St SE to the alleyway of Unit BI Gessford CT SE

Timeline

- Start: August 31st, 2026
- End: November 2026
- Duration: ~ 2 months

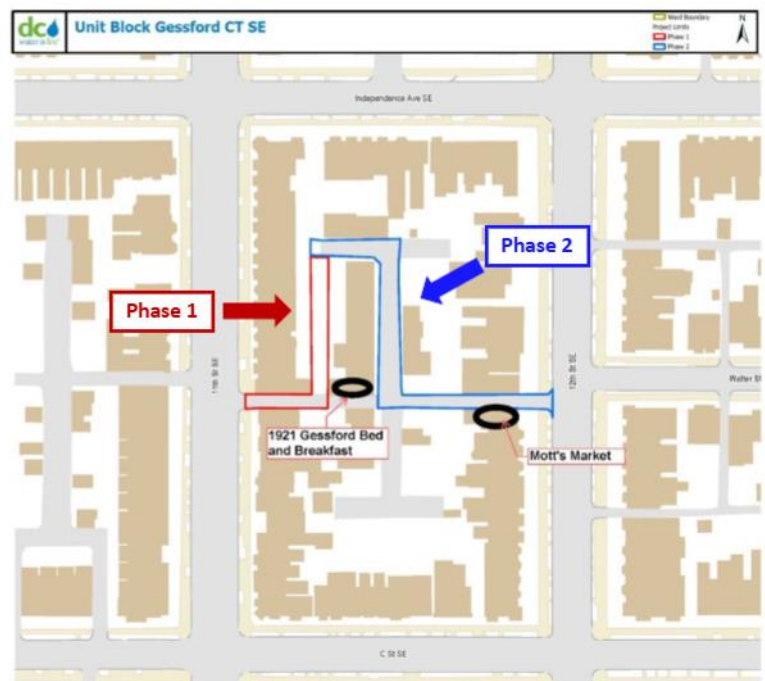
Phase 2 – Upcoming

Location

- Alleyway of Unit BI Gessford CT SE to 12th ST SE

Timeline – this work begins when Phase 1 is complete

- Anticipated Start: November 2026 – December 2026 (tentative)
- Duration: ~ 1 month



SCOPE OF WORK

Phase 1 Construction Schedule:

- Week One: Installation of Bypass
- Week Two: Installation of Water Main from 11th St to Gessford CT SE
- Week Three: Pressure Test, Chlorination Test and Sampling
- Week Four: 1st Scheduled Water Shut down on 11th St Se and Gessford SE
- Week Five: Service Reconnection to New Main
- Week Six: Alley restoration

Step 1: Emergency Small Diameter Watermain Replacement

- Installation of a temporary bypass
- Installation of approximately 700 feet of 4-inch water main
- Restoration of all surfaces disturbed by the project construction upon completion of work

Step 2: Replacement Work

- Replacement of public and private-side service lines made of lead or galvanized iron pipe
- Temporary restoration of work areas following construction, using dirt fill or temporary asphalt
- Following the completion of all replacements, final restoration of all areas disturbed during construction, including grass seeding and paving for sidewalks and streets

The Phase 2 construction schedule is under review.

WHAT TO EXPECT

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO YOUR WATER

For all planned temporary water service shutoffs, affected residents will be notified 48 hours in advance by door hanger. Service interruptions should be minimal.

- Construction activities such as these may cause temporary discolored water or low water pressure. If you experience discolored water, it is recommended that you flush your cold water tap from the lowest point inside your property for approximately 15 minutes. If your water does not clear after this process, please contact DC Water's Water Quality and Technology Division or our 24-hr Emergency/Command Center (see contact information on Page 3)

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

- Please follow all posted parking signs to help crews complete the work on time.
- Do not park on the street during work hours where "Emergency No-Parking" signs are posted. These signs will be posted 72 hours (3 days) before construction begins.
- Note: Construction schedules can shift due to factors such as weather, permitting, utility conflicts, field conditions, and emergency work priorities.

WHAT TO EXPECT (Continued)

STREET ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Flagging operations and lane closures may be required daily for each construction phase to maintain traffic in the construction work zone. All Traffic Control Plans will be approved by the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).
- For safety, pedestrians will be directed around temporary barricades in alleys, and on sidewalks and roadways.
- You will still be able to enter and leave your home as needed. At the end of each workday, crews will reopen the street.
- Two-way traffic will share a single lane in construction areas.
- Specific traffic impacts or detours during construction hours include:
 - 1st phase: 11th St SE along Gessford Ct SE to the west alley entrance on Gessford Ct SE
 - 2nd phase: East alley entrance on Gessford Ct SE to 12th St SE

PARTNERS

DC Water is currently working closely with DDOT to ensure minimal traffic disruptions during this project. Regular updates will also be provided to Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B, Ward 6 representatives in the Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services, and Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen and members of his staff.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- **Lead Line Replacements:** Lead-Free DC Hotline / 202-787-4044 / Lead@dcwater.com
- **Construction Concerns:**
 - **DC Water Project Manager:** Vaishnavi Vodela / (571) 363- 1025 / Vaishnavi.Vodela@dcwater.com
 - **DC Water Project Contractor:** Capitol Paving / Emerson Lopez/ (202) 500-0858 / emerson.lopez@capitolpaving.com
- **Water Quality Concerns:** DC Water Quality and Technology Division / (202) 612-3440
- **Leaks or Other Emergencies:** DC Water 24-hr Emergency/Command Center / (202) 612 -3400
- **Public Communication:** DC Water Office of Marketing and Communications / (202) 787-2200



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

PROJECT INFORMATION
