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VIA EMAIL: Lindsey.Appiah@dc.gov

Re: Invitation to Speak on Status of Gun Violence Strategic Plan Implementation

*At a properly noticed general meeting on June 11, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted **8-0-0**, based on the recommendation of its Public Safety Committee, to submit the following request to the Deputy Mayor of Public Safety & Justice.*

Dear Deputy Mayor Appiah:

During the May 20, 2024, meeting of the ANC 6B Public Safety Committee, neighbors discussed the District’s [Gun Violence Reduction Strategic Plan](#) and the status of its implementation since its design and publication. In 2022, the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) released its proposed strategic plan. The Plan covers 16 recommendations for actions and outlines a series of goals, outputs, program outcomes, and metrics to monitor for the successful implementation of the plan in achieving a reduction in gun violence. The plan organizes these recommendations under three categories: violence prevention, violence intervention, and community transformation.

During the committee discussion, neighbors noted that there may be limited awareness of the plan within the community, within D.C. agencies, and amongst elected leaders like the D.C. Council and Advisory Neighborhood Commissions. Neighbors also noted concerns about not being aware of where to find a status update on the proposed metrics nor how to find updates on progress of implementing the plan. Many of the programs have been flagged as under-resourced or poorly managed by [local news and media outlets](#) as well as by the D.C. Auditor. The latter specifically noted the [lack of coordination or implementation of various programs](#) required under the NEAR Act. Lastly, neighbors and community partners reported during the meeting that many key positions necessary to achieve the goals of the plan remain vacant within D.C. government such as the Director of the Metropolitan Police Department’s Office of Gun Violence.

These points in mind, ANC 6B cordially requests the following:

**Please note that the ANC 6B mailing address has changed as of January 2023*

1. **Written Update on Implementation of Strategic Plan:** The Commission requests a written update on the status of the implementation of the 2022 Gun Violence Reduction Strategic Plan with a focus on the 16 recommendations and the subsequent metrics outlined in the plan.
2. **Written Update on Status of Key Hires and Staffing Plan:** The Commission requests a written update on the status of key personnel hires for roles and agencies which are outlined in the plan. For roles filled, please provide the ANC the name of the individuals leading those roles. For vacant roles, please provide the ANC a status on recruitment for those positions with an anticipated date for when the role will be filled or what barriers are preventing the role from being filled.
3. **Invitation to Discuss the Plan with the ANC 6B Public Safety Committee:** The Commission requests a discussion with you on these topics and extends an invitation to present the requested items, along with other items that may be important for the conversation, at the next ANC 6B Public Safety Committee meeting that works for your calendar.

ANC 6B Public Safety Committees are generally the 4th Monday of each month except for its August or where certain holidays may force the meeting to be moved. The full calendar of ANC meetings for the remainder of 2024 are available online at anc6b.org/calendar.

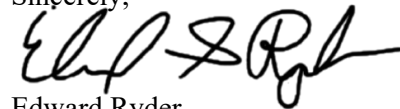
When you are ready to schedule, please email 6B@anc.dc.gov and copy Chair Matsumoto and Vice Chair Avery, and they will add you to the next agenda accordingly.

We look forward to your response, and we look forward to welcoming you to the next available ANC 6B Public Safety Committee meeting.

For any questions regarding this letter, please contact Lisa Matsumoto, Committee Chair and Resident Member for the ANC 6B Public Safety Committee, at publicsafety.anc6b@gmail.com, and Frank Avery, Committee Vice Chair and Commissioner for SMD 6B01, at 6B01@anc.dc.gov

Thank you in advance for considering and granting great weight to our request.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B

CC:

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