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DELIVERED VIA EMAIL: matthew.graves@usdoj.gov

Re: April 24 Meeting with District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B Public Safety Committee Meeting – Request for Implementation of Transparent Data Management and Public Reporting of Aggregate Data

At a properly noticed general meeting on July 9, 2024, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6B voted unanimously, based on the unanimous recommendation of its Public Safety Committee, to submit the following request.

Dear Mr. Graves:

Thank you for joining ANC 6B to discuss ongoing concerns regarding the recent influx of crime in the District of Columbia. The ANC appreciates you taking time to discuss these issues with commissioners, committee members, and neighbors, and we hope you found the conversation productive. The ANC is eager to continue its engagement with you and your office, and we look forward to ongoing collaboration to provide advisement and connection between your office and the neighbors and residents of the District of Columbia. Thank you for your willingness to engage, discuss, and collaborate with the community.

As you are likely aware, the District’s Home Rule Charter, approved by Congress, establishes Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) as the official, elected voice to advise both District of Columbia government agencies and federal agencies on matters that affect District residents’ neighborhoods. As the United States Attorney uniquely responsible for prosecutions of crimes for both the District of Columbia and the federal government, we ask that you accept the correspondence below with the “great weight” afforded ANCs under the Home Rule Charter, request a written response or future conversation with the committee, and urge you to implement the requests below as part of your forthcoming data management update process.

During our April convening with you, ANC6B and neighbors discussed with you the need for clear, transparent, and improved real-time data to better assess both the prosecution rate of crimes committed in the District of Columbia and to better understand the outcomes for justice-involved individuals who engage with the

rehabilitation system through alternative routes such as diversion, restorative justice strategies, or supportive services.

Per our conversation, the USAO currently maintains a case management system that lacks the ability to provide detailed aggregate data on trends. However, you shared that the USAO intends to implement a new case management system soon. This forthcoming upgrade represents an excellent opportunity for the USAO to collaboratively implement data reporting improvements that can help both USAO and District residents better understand key trends and advocate for more effective policies.

ANC 6B strongly urges the USAO to maximize this opportunity to improve its data reporting and includes the following recommendations on specific data elements, reporting functions, and reporting uses as part of its updates to its case management system. The recommendations include:

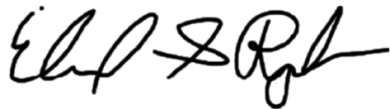
1. USAO's new case management system should be able to offer detailed summaries of felony cases on at least a monthly basis, if not more frequently.
2. USAO's new case management system should integrate a "dashboard" function that provides clear, publicly accessible data on key metrics related to the USAO's operations, prosecutions of crime, and service provided for engagements that don't involve a prosecution, such as referrals to rehabilitative or supportive services
3. USAO's new case management system should provide the ability for public users to generate custom reports tailored to specific needs. There is extensive precedent for this in other federal agencies such as the US Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) or US Department of Commerce Census Bureau.
4. USAO's new case management system should track at least the following measures:
 1. Number of felony charges brought forward, prosecuted, dismissed, or referred to an alternate non-felony outcome (misdemeanor, dropped, plea bargain, etc.). Cases should be searchable by its six-digit Central Complaint Number (CCN).
 2. Number of charges modified between the time of arrest, subsequent court proceedings.
 3. In the instances where cases are declined to be prosecuted due to insufficient evidence or incorrect police procedures, require a written feedback loop with explanation to MPD of the deficiency with actionable recommendations to prevent future deficiency. Record that this written feedback was provided.
 4. Data and statistics on recidivism by case final disposition, including plead, declined, referred, prosecuted guilty/acquitted.
 5. Offer public access to track current status of cases: open, charged, plead, declined, prosecuted guilty/acquitted.
 6. Number of diversion or similar alternative engagements by which an arrestee charged with a crime goes through an alternative rehabilitation or remediation process and the rate of success from these engagements.
 7. Number of opportunities restorative justice engagements are offered, accepted, and fulfilled by the office.

8. Number of victim services offered and fulfilled by the office.
9. Regular demographic analysis of individuals engaged by the office, whether through criminal proceedings, restorative justice, or other community engagement methods.

**ANC 6B is only requesting aggregate data. ANC 6B understands and respects that no federal agency can nor should be asked to provide personally identifiable information (PII) on public platforms. All references to data or details data summaries are requests for anonymized, aggregate data.*

We thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to continuing to collaborate with you on these issues. For any questions about this letter, please contact ANC 6B01 Commissioner and ANC 6B Public Safety Committee Chair Frank Avery at 6B01@anc.dc.gov.

Sincerely,



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