



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E**  
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**Call for Significant Investments in Public Safety in FY23 DC Budget**

District of Columbia City Leaders,

On March 1, 2022, at a duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting of ANC6E conducted via videoconference with a quorum of 6 out of 7 Commissioners and the public present, ANC6E approved the following resolution by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

ANC6E notes with concern the trend in rising crime within the District of Columbia. Homicides, for example, have increased by an average of 27 additional per year in the last five years, according to MPD statistics. If the trends continue this way, DC is on track to incur double the number of homicides in 2022 than it did in 2017, a substantial shift in a short amount of time.

Homicides in the District of Columbia   Source: Metropolitan Police Department <sup>1</sup>				
2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
226	198	166	160	116

In the context of rising crime trends in city-wide, ANC6E urges DC to make renewed investments in public safety in its FY23 budget.

ANC6E maintains that the long-term solutions to reducing crime in DC include policies such as increasing affordable housing, strengthening our schools, and investing in rehabilitation programs. During this budget cycle it is imperative that the District also focus on proposals specifically targeted at short-term crime reduction measures, such as expanding violence interruption programs and supporting MPD resources to reduce gun violence, including visible foot patrols. ANC6E emphasizes that the District's policy on how many officers it employs must be informed by data-driven analysis of overall policing needs, rather than political considerations. Law enforcement officers are not the sole solution to reducing crime – however they do play an important role in this effort.

On behalf of the Commission,

Michael Eichler, ANC6E Chair

<sup>1</sup> <https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/district-crime-data-glance>