



**ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E**  
PO Box 93020 Brentwood Station, Washington, DC 20090

January 21, 2021

Mr. Jeff Marootian  
Director  
District Department of Transportation  
55 M Street SE, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20003

RE: Request to Convert the 900 Block of 4½ Street NW between K Street  
NW and I Street NW from a Two-Way to a One-Way Southbound Street

Dear Director Marootian:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6E conducted a virtual meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 to reconsider a resolution to convert the 900 Block of 4½ St., NW between K St., NW and I St., NW from a two-way to a one-way southbound street. ANC 6E previously considered this matter during a June 4, 2019 meeting and sent a resolution in support of the street conversion to DDOT. The Commission is sending a second letter to convey its continued interest in this topic. At the Commission's meeting, duly noticed, with a quorum present (four out of seven Commissioners required to be in attendance to achieve a quorum), ANC 6E unanimously voted (6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention) to support the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Duties and Responsibilities of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission Act of 1975 grants ANC 6E the responsibility to advise the Council of the District of Columbia, the Mayor, and each executive agency and all independent agencies, boards, and commissions of the government of the District of Columbia with respect to all matters of District government policy, including decisions regarding planning, streets, recreation, social services programs, education, health, safety, and sanitation which affect the ANC 6E area,

WHEREAS, the 900 Block of 4½ Street NW, extending from K Street NW to I Street NW, lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of ANC 6E and within ANC 6E Single Member District 6E05,

WHEREAS, the current traffic pattern on the 900 Block of 4½ Street NW is a two-way street with no sidewalks,

WHEREAS, the 900 Block of 4½ Street NW has only a fifteen (15) foot right of way, which is too narrow to support two-way vehicle traffic,<sup>1</sup> let alone two-way vehicle traffic with mixed pedestrian usage,

WHEREAS, the 900 Block of 4½ Street NW is currently used for multiple purposes, including as to access loading zones on 4½ Street NW and Prather Alley NW, to access underground parking garages on Prather Alley NW, as a vehicle cut-through from K Street NW to I Street NW, and as a pedestrian cut-through between the commercial strips on the 400 Block of K Street NW and the 400 Block of I Street NW,

WHEREAS, the two-way traffic flow and the multiple uses of the 900 Block of 4½ Street NW by pedestrians, delivery trucks, cars, and bicycles create congested and unsafe conditions within a narrow right of way that gives little room for error,

WHEREAS, Mayor Muriel Bowser and DDOT have committed to the principles of Vision Zero with the objective of eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2024 through the more effective use of data, education, enforcement, and engineering, and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Move DC policy is to have safer and more vibrant streets and neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, the Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District (MVT CID) has spearheaded a strategic effort to engage users of the 900 Block of 4½ Street NW and create long term community-led interventions that enhance this public space, including public and pedestrian safety, cultural and aesthetic amenities, and commercial and pet-friendly uses,

WHEREAS, the ANC 6E Transportation Advisory Committee, during public meetings held on April 30, 2019 and December 29, 2020 voted to recommend that the ANC 6E pass a resolution to request that DDOT convert the 900 Block of 4½ Street NW to a one-way southbound street,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests that DDOT convert the 900 Block of 4½ Street NW to a one-way southbound street, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 6E requests DDOT work with community stakeholders to identify appropriate speed control measures be incorporated, and signage be placed on the 900 Block of 4½ Street NW to maintain safe vehicular speeds, and

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<sup>1</sup> The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) recommends that traffic lanes be no narrower than 9 feet in width. Source: <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/street-design-elements/lane-width/>

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DDOT coordinate its efforts with ANC 6E, the MVT CID and community so that these improvements complement and align with a strategic and community-led effort that already is underway to secure public funding for transportation and programming enhancements within this space.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION,

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachelle Nigro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachelle Nigro

*Chair*

*ANC 6E*

CC: Andrew DeFrank, Ward 6 Community Engagement Specialist, DDOT