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Everett Lott, Director
District Department of Transportation
250 M Street SE
Washington, DC 20003

RE: ANC 1C resolution on Pedestrian and Transportation Safety

Dear Director Lott:

At a duly-noticed public meeting held on 12/1/2021, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C voted 6-0-0 in support of the attached resolution.

Nina Larson's death was the 37th traffic fatality in 2021, which is equal to the total number of fatalities in 2020; the urgency of this matter has never been clearer.

ANC 1C has repeatedly called for traffic calming measures throughout Adams Morgan. In the attached resolution ANC 1C calls for DDOT to create and convene a road safety task force to produce a safety proposal for ANC review and approval within 6 months. We look forward to working with you on solutions and safety improvements for the Adams Morgan community.

Warm regards,

Fiona Clem
Chairperson, ANC 1C

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Resolution on Pedestrian and Transportation Safety

Whereas, in February of 2015, Mayor Muriel Bowser committed Washington, D.C. to The Vision Zero Initiative calling to implement changes necessary to end all fatalities and serious injuries to travelers of our transportation system by 2024; and

Whereas, Nina Larson, a 24 year old aspiring opera singer and server at Mintwood Place, was killed on November 13, 2021 at the intersection of Columbia Rd NW and Biltmore St NW; and

Whereas, Larson's death is the 37th traffic fatality in 2021, which is equal to the total number of fatalities in 2020, and represents continued growth in traffic deaths annually; and

Whereas, ANC 1C has repeatedly called for traffic calming measures throughout Adams Morgan, including speed humps, raised crosswalks, bulbouts, and more; and

Whereas, speed humps, rectangular rapid-flashing beacons, raised crosswalks, and other traffic calming measures and safety interventions have often taken months or even years to be installed after being requested and approved; and

Whereas, multiple 311 requests to replace missing road signage within one block of the site of the crash have been filed in the last 3 years; and

Whereas, DDOT is statutorily required to investigate a fatal crash and provide a memo that includes short-term action items and longer-term evaluations; and

Whereas, slower vehicular speeds are highly correlated with fewer catastrophic vehicular and pedestrian/cyclist/micromobility conflicts, put simply— slower speeds save lives; and

Whereas, ANC 1C prioritizes safety over drivers seeking a faster commute through Adams Morgan without regard for pedestrians; and

Whereas, DDOT should not wait until a vulnerable road user is killed before making similar changes in Adams Morgan and throughout the city, especially in the neighborhoods that see the highest numbers of pedestrian fatalities; now, therefore, be it



Resolved, ANC 1C calls for the rapid execution of basic safety measures within 6 months such as installation of raised crosswalks, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, bulbouts, daylighted crosswalks with hardened infrastructure like bike corrals, and other traffic calming measures determined to be appropriate on the 1800 block of Columbia Rd NW where the tragic and fatal crash occurred on Saturday, 11/13/2021. DDOT shall present a proposal of the recommended measures to ANC 1C within one month.

Resolved, ANC 1C demands that DDOT create and convene a road safety task force to produce a safety proposal for ANC review and approval within 6 months. The proposal shall present a comprehensive improvement to pedestrian, cyclist and micromobility safety along Columbia Rd. from 16th St. NW to Connecticut Ave NW and along 18th St. NW, Adams Mill Rd. and Calvert St NW from the Duke Ellington Bridge to Florida Ave NW. The task force shall be comprised of at least two Adams Morgan community members as well as DDOT professionals and shall consider basic safety measures and transformative measures such as pedestrian zones, road diets, alternative street surfacing, traffic signal timing adjustments and traffic enforcement technologies to slow vehicular speeds.

Resolved, ANC 1C urges the DC Auditor as part of their audit of the DC Vision Zero Initiative, to include an analysis of fatal crashes and whether changes recommended in DDOT's Fatal Crash Memos were implemented.