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RESOLUTION REGARDING WINDOM PLACE CROSSWALK

September 20, 2016

WHEREAS, ANC 3F has prioritized pedestrian safety, and walkability as key goals; and

WHEREAS, Windom Place is the access point for the UDC Theater of the Arts, is one block from the Van Ness Metro station, numerous stores and restaurants with a high pedestrian presence, and there are 37,000 cars per weekday on this portion of Connecticut Avenue; and

WHEREAS, DDOT's Design and Engineering Manual, 2009 Edition, states in Sec. 29.7 (Pedestrian Crossings) "Marked Crosswalks will be required at all signalized intersections, school areas, and high pedestrian areas...Crosswalks should have parallel edge lines with proper width depending on street classifications. The crosswalk lines shall be perpendicular to the centerline of the roadway except in intersections that are skewed;" and

WHEREAS, there is no south side east-west crosswalk at the intersection of Connecticut Avenue and Windom Place; while there is a north side east-west crosswalk, it is skewed; and

WHEREAS, DDOT staff find that a) it appears that there is room for a new ramp on the southwest side, adjacent to the old fire call box; b) the ADA ramp on the southeast corner can be modified to allow both directions of crossing; c) an existing street light pole on the SW side can hold a pedestrian signal head and an existing traffic signal pole on the SE side can hold the other pedestrian signal head; according to DDOT, these features make installation of a crosswalk more straightforward and less costly; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Avenue Pedestrian Action project recommended an east-west crosswalk on the south side of Windom Place, and Van Ness Main Street also supports this crosswalk in an effort to make the pedestrian experience safer, more pleasant, and more accessible for commuters, visitors, and those frequenting restaurants, shopping and the arts at Van Ness; and

WHEREAS, Windom Place dead ends on the east side and leads to an alley on the west side, making it a street that has minimal connectivity to other roadways; and

WHEREAS, despite the skew, and the distance between the corner and the crosswalk, the north side crosswalk has not produced pedestrian safety issues; the south side crosswalk will mirror

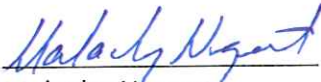
the north side, and in fact the distance from the corner is less; and

WHEREAS, DDOT's Vision Zero Initiative, Complete Streets Policy, and MoveDC Multimodal Transportation Plan all promote improving pedestrian safety and access, and in particular, at signalized intersections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 3F supports the installation of an east west crosswalk crossing Connecticut Avenue on the south side of Windom Place.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioner Mary Beth Ray is authorized to discuss details of the installation with DDOT on behalf of ANC 3F.

ANC 3F approved this resolution at its meeting on September 20, 2016, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.



Malachy Nugent
Chair, ANC 3F