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**RESOLUTION ADVISING INCREASED DAYLIGHTING AND INTERSECTION VISIBILITY FOR
SAFETY IN ANC 3F AND 3/4G**

WHEREAS:

1. Vision Zero Goals: In 2014, the District of Columbia committed to its Vision Zero initiative, aiming to eliminate all traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2024. However, the District has not only failed to reach its goal, but it has also repeatedly seen sustained higher traffic fatalities since 2014. There were 24 road fatalities in 2014 compared to a staggering 53 in 2023.¹ 2024 is on track to again far exceed 2014 road fatalities.
2. Daylighting as a Safety Measure: Daylighting is a traffic safety measure that increases visibility at intersections by clearing sightlines for drivers and non-motorized traffic. As the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has stated, by adding space between parked cars and crosswalks, vehicles and pedestrians are more likely to see each other and avoid crashes.²
3. Existing Regulations: DC regulations already prohibit parking within 25 feet of intersections.³ While DDOT has committed to enforcing these rules, many intersections in ANC 3F and ANC 3/4G and across the District still violate existing regulations and lack proper daylighting, contributing to dangerous conditions for all road users.
4. Intersection Safety in ANC 3F and 3/4G: Many intersections in ANC 3F and 3/4G currently allow vehicles to park close to crosswalks, obstructing sightlines and increasing the risk of crashes. Daylighting these intersections would provide safer conditions for pedestrians, drivers, and other road users alike.
5. Incorporating Multiple Public Benefits: Daylighting can be used in conjunction with public art, green infrastructure, and other community enhancements to create safer and more vibrant streetscapes. Integrating murals, painted crosswalks, or sculptures in daylighted areas can beautify intersections while promoting traffic safety by making spaces more visually engaging and alerting drivers to pedestrian zones. Adding planters, bioswales, or rain gardens in daylighted spaces can enhance stormwater management and reduce urban heat, while simultaneously discouraging illegal parking near intersections.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Request for Daylighting in ANC 3F and 3/4G: ANC 3F and 3/4G call on DDOT to implement daylighting to improve visibility at intersections across both ANCs, particularly in high-traffic areas and near schools, parks, and other public spaces, to improve visibility and reduce the risk of crashes.
2. Community Involvement: ANC 3F and 3/4G request that DDOT 3F Streets & Sidewalks Committee, to identify intersections most in need of daylighting, ensuring that local concerns are addressed and that residents have a voice in improving street safety. To that end, ANC 3F has specifically requested daylighting at the Connecticut Avenue intersections at Ellicott, Davenport, Chesapeake, and Brandywine Streets.
3. Monitoring and Reporting: ANC 3F and 3/4G request that DDOT provide regular updates on the planning and implementation of daylighting within the ANCs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Commission thanks ANC 3/4G for authoring this resolution and their partnership working to improve traffic safety throughout the neighborhood. ANC 3F designates Commissioner Carlson to represent the Commission in all matters related to this Resolution.

ANC 3F approved this resolution at its meeting on January 14, 2024, which was properly noticed and at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.



Courtney Carlson
Chair, ANC 3F