



Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1D

In Support Of Bancroft Elementary Safe Street Initiative

Passed March 21, 2023

Whereas... Bancroft Elementary is an important element of Mt. Pleasant's sense of community and its language, ethnic, and socio-economic diversity, and

Whereas... a broad multi-generational constituency in our neighborhood has an interest in the well-being of students, their families, and safe streets around the school, and

Whereas... the number of students has increased by 100 between last year (2021-2022) and the current year (2022-2023) to 726, and is projected to increase by another 49 to 60 by next year (2023-2024), and

Whereas... community members have expressed that the 1700 block of Newton street needs improved safety for pedestrians during Bancroft school pickup and drop off hours (8-9 am, 3-4pm), and

Whereas... the community in ANC 1D has come together to propose an initiative, herein referred to as the Bancroft Elementary Safe Street Initiative, to close the 1700 block of Newton Street NW on school days from 8:00 a.m to 9:00 a.m. in the morning and 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon, using DDOT barriers and neighborhood volunteers wearing provided vests to make the closure safe and orderly, and

Whereas... the Bancroft PTO and the Mt. Pleasant Village have come together to recruit, organize and monitor thirty (30) volunteers, six (6) volunteers for each of the two-hour blocks of time, and,

Whereas... this initiative is supported as a partnership between the Bancroft School Administration and Local School Advisory Team, the Bancroft PTO leadership, the Mt. Pleasant Village leadership, and the D.C. Department of Transportation,

Therefore, Be It Resolved...

- that ANC 1D supports the Bancroft Elementary Safe Street Initiative, and be it further resolved, and

- that ANC 1D understands that this initiative is an experiment that will be modified, continued, or ended depending on what is learned from the experience from April 24 through June 22, 2023. ANC1D looks forward to information that this initiative provides that contributes to making it a model for the city or an effort that points the way toward different solutions to the street safety problem on the 1700 block of Newton Street.

FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Commission designates Commissioner Erika Nunez, ANC 1D03, to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

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That, in the event the designated representative Commissioner cannot carry out their representative duties for any reason, the Commission authorizes the Chair to designate another Commissioner to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

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Consistent with DC Code, only actions of the full Commission voting in a properly noticed public meeting have standing and carry great weight. The actions, positions, and opinions of individual commissioners, insofar as they may be contradictory to or otherwise inconsistent with the expressed position of the full Commission in a properly adopted resolution or letter, have no standing and cannot be considered as in any way associated with the Commission.

ADOPTED by a voice vote at a regular public meeting (notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of seven of seven members was present) on March 21, 2023, a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.