

Be it Resolved, at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting of ANC-6D on Monday, June 11, 2007, at which a quorum was present (a quorum being four of seven commissioners), that ANC-6D, by a vote of _____ voted to oppose the relocation of the First District Police Station from 415 4th Street, SW to the new Metropolitan Police Headquarters District building 225 Virginia Avenue, SE.

The First District police station is currently located with ANC-6D. The new Consolidated Crime Lab is scheduled to be located within ANC-6D. The new MPD Headquarters Building is scheduled to be located with ANC-6D. While ANC-6D has taken no position at present on the location of neither the Consolidated Crime Lab nor the new MPD Headquarters Building in our ANC, we do strenuously object to moving First District station from its present location to 225 Virginia Avenue, SE for the following reasons:

1. The First District Police Station has been located at 415 4th Street, SW for more than 25 years and has become a valued and trusted member of the Southwest Community.
2. District police stations ought to be physically located within the middle of the residential neighborhoods they serve to more directly meet the needs of neighborhood residents on a walk-in basis and to facilitate community policing.
3. The location of First District within the walls of the mammoth new Metropolitan Police District Headquarters along with Headquarters Special Operations Division (SOD), Narcotics Special Investigations Division (NSID), Special Operations Division Emergency Response Teams, Metropolitan Police Department Evidence Warehouse, Metropolitan Police Department Equipment and Supplies Warehouse, Office of the Superintendent of Detectives, and the Violent Crimes Branch will make it less likely that residents from across the First District will be able to comfortably use the facilities a walk-in basis.
4. The lack of parking will create a significant obstacle at 225 Virginia Avenue, SE, for both occupants and patrons, an obstacle that will only be exacerbated by the incorporation of First District officers -- ***particularly at shift change*** -- to the ANC-6D residents living in the new Hope Six Dwellings where there are no special parking facilities, and to the residents of Garfield Park area of Capitol Hill.
5. The current First District Sub-Station, located at 500 E Street, SE on Capitol Hill, is located but four blocks from 225 Virginia Avenue, SE, and, should the First District move take place, it will contribute to a

- significant massing of police manpower in a very concentrated area to the detriment of the remainder of the First District.
6. Southwest Washington is undergoing significant growth and development and is expected to increase its population by 60% within the next eight years.
 7. The Southwest Waterfront is to be redeveloped and will become a major Washington attraction for hundreds of thousands of tourists.
 8. Southwest Washington is the residential neighborhood most directly impacted by the traffic, safety and security problems posed by the opening of the new baseball stadium.
 9. The only existing MPD presence police presence left in greater Southwest will be the Harbor Patrol, with very separate, distinct and growing responsibilities on Washington's burgeoning waterfront.
 10. Testimony presented by Lars Etzkorn, Director of the Office of Property Management delivered on June 7, 2007, stated that OPM is already exploring options for placing the First District Police Station in 10,000 square feet of space while 225 Virginia Avenue is built out.
 11. Consequently, ANC-6D requests the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the members of the City Council of the District of Columbia, the Office of Property Management and the Metropolitan Police Department to reach an accommodation that will keep the First District Police Station in Southwest located in the new building that will house the Consolidated Crime Lab – on the very same site that First District has occupied for more than a quarter of a century.

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