



Government of the District of Columbia Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

By Electronic Mail

September 27, 2021

Robert J. Contee III, Chief of Police
Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, DC
300 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 5114
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Requesting MPD Camera Maintenance & Assessment

Dear Chief Contee:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, at a duly noticed public meeting, with a quorum being the “majority of the total number of commissioner positions currently filled in Commission 4B,” at its September 27, 2021, meeting voted with _ Yeas, _ Nays, and _ Abstentions to send this letter to the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD or Department) requesting the Department audit its CCTV cameras, provide the Commission with the results of that audit, and maintain and repair cameras as necessary.

In August 2006, MPD began deploying Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras that are designed to help combat crime in District of Columbia neighborhoods. The following CCTV cameras are located within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B: 1st Street, NW and Kennedy Street, NW; 521 Oglethorpe Street, NE (Rear of Unit) which was found to not be operable and was broken for six (6) months. After this discovery, it was found that the camera needed parts which took nearly one month to be repaired; and 6th Street and Oglethorpe Street, NE. A full list of CCTV cameras across DC is available on the Department’s webpage addressing [neighborhood-cased cameras](#).

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B requests the following information and action:

- confirmation that the full list of CCTV cameras across DC available at [neighborhood-cased cameras](#) is accurate;
- confirmation that the full list of CCTV cameras are inspected and deemed operable and

functioning to full capacity without interruption;

- explanation of how MPD selected locations for CCTV cameras within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B, including underlying data;
- information regarding past requests and assessments for additional CCTV cameras within Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B;
- an audit of all CCTV cameras to verify and assure they are working, with information reported back to the Commission;
- details regarding the maintenance schedule and protocols for CCTV cameras; and
- copies of all previous CCTV reports, which include a long-term plan for CCTV and its effectiveness in reducing crime.

The Commission appreciates prompt attention to these matters and requests a formal response by October 29, 2021.

The Commission also voted with _ Yeas, _ Nays, and _ Abstentions to appoint the Commissioner for Single Member District 4B09, LaRoya Huff, or any member of the Executive Committee in their absence, to be authorized to communicate this letter and represent Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B in communication with your agency regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

LaRoya Huff, ANC 4B09 Commissioner

cc: Councilmember Charles Allen, Chair, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Kate Mitchell, Committee Director, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety

Councilmember Janeese Lewis George (Ward 4)

Evelyn Lopez, ANC Liaison, Metropolitan Police Department