

November X, 2011

Louis P. Cannon  
Chief  
Protective Services Police Department  
1900 Massachusetts Avenue SE  
Ambulatory Care Building  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Chief Cannon:

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B (ANC 6B) requests that DC Protective Services regularly provide crime statistics for incidents taking place on Reservation 13, the former site of the DC General Hospital.

Over the past few years, DC government officials have chosen to significantly increase the number of individuals receiving social services at Reservation 13. In addition to the DC Jail, the Reservation 13 site includes homeless shelters, a sexually transmitted infections clinic, the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program and a methadone clinic. Hill East residents, particularly in the blocks directly adjacent to Reservation 13, have had to deal with the negative consequences of the city's decision to concentrate so many services at one location.

Currently, residents receive monthly updates on crime statistics and trends in the neighborhood from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) at monthly Police Service Area (PSA) meetings. Unfortunately, since MPD does not handle crime and security at Reservation 13, the monthly statistics do not include data on the number and type of incidents taking place on the Reservation 13 site.

Since the campus covers a significant portion of PSA 107, the lack of data from Reservation 13 obscures the true picture of crime trends and incidents in the neighborhood. The lack of data also makes it easier for DC government officials to continue to increase social services provided at Reservation 13, to the detriment of the individuals being served and the surrounding neighborhood.

Specifically, ANC 6B requests:

- Data on the number and type of criminal incidents taking place on the Reservation 13 site in 2010 and year-to-date in 2011;
- That DC Protective Services and MPD work to provide crime statistics from Reservation 13 during each monthly PSA 107 meeting going forward.

ANC 6B looks forward to your response to this request. We appreciate your continued commitment to keeping DC government facilities, such as Reservation 13, safe and secure.

Sincerely,

Cc:

Cathy Lanier, Chief, Metropolitan Police Department

Brian Hanlon, Director, Department of General Services