

Annual Report

6/8F02

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Here's what has happened in the year of 2025 and what's to come!

Welcome to our annual report! I am thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to all of our residents who have continued to support our community during these challenging times. Your support and dedication have allowed our community to keep the joy in the very place that we all continue to call home.

In terms of our recent activities, we have successfully launched new initiatives and measures for some of the most pressing issues in our immediate community. Many of those initiatives and measures were implemented to improve various aspects that residents have placed as great concerns and/or otherwise.

I am also excited to bring in the New Year of 2026 with each of you on next month. Without a doubt, this year has been one filled with both fun and challenges for our entire city. However, each moment has been an interactive way to support our community while also enjoying great food, drinks, and entertainment — right here in the heart of Navy Yard.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that our community, together, can and will make a real difference for the longevity of our neighborhood and for the lives of those who it serves most. I am always hopeful that we will get to a shared and collective — **YES**. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your continued support as I continue to lead our community.

Enjoy this annual report!

ANC Commissioner
Markita Bryant

In this annual report you can expect:

Community Updates

Updates on Public Safety

Updates on Education/Youth Programming

Updates on Housing/Development

Updates on Transportation and Safer Streets

Updates on the Environment/Anacostia River



Community News

During my tenure, I had the honor of supporting the Special Olympics of the District of Columbia. As the area ANC and Vice Chair to 6/8F, I found great fulfillment in encouraging participants, residents, and our dedicated 1D MPD officers, who bravely endured the cold to advocate for this noble cause. Supporting diverse aspects of our community remains a top priority, ensuring that I consistently represent the interests of those who elected me to this amazing position. This position has afforded me to get to work on day one: by implementing ideas, working on solutions, as well as navigating learning curves.

In addition to supporting various aspects within our 6/8F02 community with the goal of helping others, one of my favorite destinations on Saturday mornings is the Half Street Central Farm Market. This cherished market offers a unique opportunity to explore a diverse array of locally sourced products with the unique embrace of our community members. In all – I would like to emphasize that the essence of our community extends beyond a physical location. It is embodied in the respect and compassion we demonstrate towards one another, while consistently engaging with the place that we all call home.



Updates on Public Safety

Public safety is a crucial and multifaceted issue. It requires not only discussion but also decisive action to achieve meaningful outcomes for our community. Over the past year, I have assisted with the following measures:

- Assisted with the pilot-program launch of the MPD Juvenile Investigative Response Unit Initiative in 6/8F02. It was an honor hosting city leaders, as this initiative was a pilot for preventative strategies and deeper agency collaboration for families in need of support for their child(ren), all while directly connecting vast resources for all.
- Collaborated with city leaders to implement a plan to address the multiple disturbances that led to a community call for a youth curfew, which held an unanimous vote on the onset by the DC Council, coupled with safe spaces for youth on behalf of DPR, while a multifaceted solution is currently being developed to address a meaningful whole approach.
- Developed a direct line of communication with our MPD 1D officers to collaborate and brainstorm regarding hot spots, while canvassing the community on-foot with officers, as well as holding meetings to ensure the safety of our seniors.



Updates on Education/Youth Programming

Education and Youth Programming are important topics within our community. It requires not only discussion but also dedicated action to achieve meaningful outcomes for our community. Over the past year, I have successfully implemented and supported the following measures:

- Proposed to my fellow 6/8F Commissioners that a portion of the funds from a prior Community Benefit Agreement, allocated to the Capitol Riverfront Parks Foundation, be earmarked for direct support to our local elementary school, Van Ness Elementary School (DCPS). Proposed to ensure the enhanced educational opportunities for students, which became confirmed with a unanimous vote.
- Attended numerous DPR safe space projects for youth, such as Holiday Hype, Late Night Drip and more, to maintain my commitment to working together and supporting options that serve as safe spaces for youth.
- Collaborated with DPR to identify new 2026 time slots at the Authur Capper Recreation Center for future recreational programming geared towards youth and families in our community.

6/8F02 Highlights



Updates on Housing/Development

Pleased to present the upcoming developments that aim to enhance the affordability and diversity of our neighborhood:

- Voted to approve the final two phases of the previously approved 2017 project plan for the Riverfront PUD Modification of Significance at the 25 Potomac Ave, S.E. location; which will include 59 affordable units, as well as retail. Key features include activity areas for all and an upgrade to the current dog park.
- Voted to approve the Living Classrooms design review; an environmental educational place for youth and the community that will sit along the Anacostia River.
- Welcomed the new apartment/housing development, Urby, which features 94 apartments reserved for households with a gross income at or below 50% of the area median income for household size.
- Welcomed the openings of new businesses to our community and engaged with each to foster a more inclusive environment for residents and visitors.



Updates on the Environment/Anacostia River

Pleased to present updates on environmental impacts, as well as updates on our Anacostia River:

- Advocated to continue the protections afforded to our local Anacostia River, which the DC Council upheld.
- Speaker at the Reservoir Center for Water Solutions with the opportunity to engage with aspiring change makers about the critical importance of resilience and their potential to make a positive impact on global water issues, as well as our local river.
- Joined our community and visitors during the summer for the weekly family fishing events given on behalf of the Anacostia Riverkeepers.



Updates on Safer Streets

Pleased to present updates on DPW/DDOT/DGS measures:

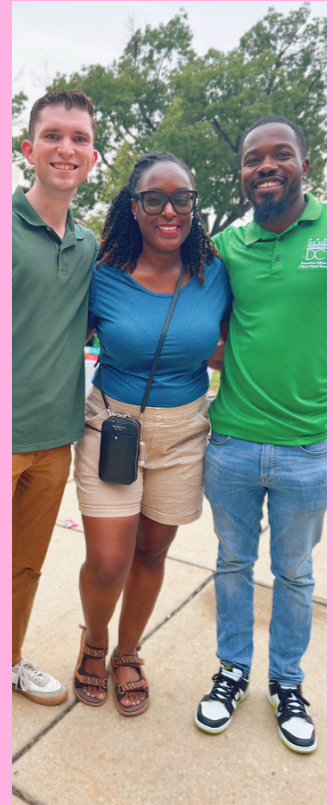
- Worked with DPW for the first major snow of the year, as well as followed up on various 311 requests impacting 6/8F02.
- Worked with DDOT (as well as DPW parking enforcement officers) to mitigate traffic calming measures regarding street and alleyway improvements along First/Half/N/Van/Tingey Streets.
- Worked hard with DGS and the BID for the repairing of the wooden walking bridge along the river, as well as the loose brick repairs on the various streets and sidewalks to prevent trip hazards.



What's Next?

The following are priorities for the next year of 2026 to ensure that our community continues to move forward in the future:

- The continuation of Public Safety measures to improve safety for all.
- Work with the Dept of Buildings/Property Managers to ensure that buildings are safe, up-to-code, and secure regarding access points.
- Evaluate roadway hotspots endangering pedestrians/cyclists/accidents.



A Few Notes To Remember

- 📞 Dial "911" for emergencies.
- ⚠️ Dial "311" for city services or repairs, non-emergencies, and info on resources.
- !! The Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS) serves as the Mayor's primary constituent services organization by providing rapid and complete responses to constituent requests, complaints, and questions: <https://mocrs.dc.gov/>
- ➡️ Remember to reach out to the DC Councilmembers for assistance: <https://dccouncil.gov/>



Reflections on 2025: a year of community, resilience, and the importance of moving forward — together.

Since my adolescent years, I have been deeply passionate about public service in the District of Columbia. My heart has always been in serving my community. It is a true and central part of my being, aligning with my vision of community and its potential. I take immense pride in being born, raised, and educated in this beautiful place, all while holding the dear vision that has profoundly influenced the trajectory of my life.

The first year of my tenure as an ANC Commissioner has been a true extension of the service that I've previously hoped others would receive in the future. Those simple elements being: a sense of community, genuine support, and a heart of service for the person placed in the role of leadership.

Leadership in challenging times, such as the year we have all experienced, demands courage, grace, and resilience. It requires unwavering commitment to progress, and I am immensely proud to undertake this journey within the community I cherish and call home. Our community has faced its share of ups and downs, yet we have persevered by standing together and ensuring our voices are heard throughout these challenges.

Navy Yard, it is because of our strong sense of community, we continue to be resilient through it all. I would like to applaud each and every one of you for doing just that. It is a powerful reminder of the truest essence of strength.

As the remaining year of my tenure starts in 2026, my focus remains on a vast point that everyone deserves a strong, safe, and comfortable place to call home. That is why we must continue the much-needed work to get to – “YES” – one that our community deserves. I have hope and good faith that we can and will someday achieve it all. As a community, we have the collective power to create an environment that feels like home, help those who have experienced hardships feel a sense of comfort, and carry out hope for the future.

Let’s continue to support one another, make a difference, and consider how we can positively impact the community that we all continue to call home! In the profound words of my late grandmother, “It is up to each of us to take care of the place that we value and call home.” – Because, D.C. is home.

Thank you for reading!

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