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### Leave Mount Pleasant in the Third MPD District

Resolved, that ANC1D advises the Metropolitan Police Department to leave Mount Pleasant, PSA 301, in the Third MPD District, and refrain from shifting our neighborhood into the Fourth District.

Why:

(1) Crime matters in Mount Pleasant are closely related to the adjacent Ward One neighborhoods, in particular Columbia Heights. Close coordination and full communication between the police teams in these neighborhoods is vital for the successful prevention of crime and solution of crimes. Putting Mount Pleasant in 4D, while adjacent Columbia Heights and Adams Morgan remain in 3D, will compromise coordination and communication.

(2) Mount Pleasant's dealings with the MPD are closely integrated with the Ward One Council-member's office. Shifting Mount Pleasant into 4D will upset that coordination, as 4D is predominantly associated with Ward Four, whereas the Ward Four Councilmember has no responsibilities nor allegiance to residents in Ward One.

(3) Police in Mount Pleasant would be working out of the 4D headquarters far out on Georgia Avenue, some 40 blocks away. The areas of high crime rates in 4D are even farther away from Mount Pleasant, close to the District's border with Prince Georges County. These factors will cause 4D supervisors to pay little attention to policing issues in far-away Mount Pleasant.

(4) The goal of the realignment is nominally to more evenly distribute crime and calls for service across the seven MPD districts. But PSA 301's contributions to crime and calls for service are small, amounting to only 5.1 percent and 5.8 percent, respectively. Leaving PSA 301 in 3D would increase the calls for service in the new Third District to 13.7% of the total, even closer to the ideal outcome of 14.3%, than the result with Mount Pleasant shifted into 4D, 12.8%. In short, better balance among the seven districts in calls for service is achieved by leaving Mount Pleasant in 3D.

*Passed by 3 to 2 to 1 vote at the legally noticed, public meeting of ANC1D on June 21, 2011, with a quorum present. Voting "yes": Commissioners Edwards, McKay, Scott. Voting "no": Commissioners Romero-Castillo, Terrell. Abstaining: Commissioner Wilson Phelan.*