



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

“Serving the Foggy Bottom and West End communities of Washington, D.C.”

October 28, 2024

Councilmember Brooke Pinto

Chair, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety Council of the District of Columbia

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RE: DC Metropolitan Police Department Use of Force

Dear Councilmember Pinto,

At its regular meeting on October 15, 2024, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A (“ANC 2A” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With five of eight commissioners present, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission voted (4-1-0), after a motion made by Commissioner Omicini and seconded by Commissioner Patel, to adopt resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS on the morning of September 1, 2024, police officers responding to a call about a car accident found Justin Robinson, a 26 year-old violence interrupter for Cure the Streets, unconscious behind the wheel of a car that crashed into a building on the 2500 block of Marion Barry Avenue in Southeast, according to police reports¹;

WHEREAS under D.C. law, the subject of serious police use of force or the family of a deceased victim of police force has the option to release body camera footage of the incident or withhold it from the public²;

WHEREAS on Monday, September 9, 2024, with permission of Mr. Robinson’s family the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) released two twenty minute bodycam videos;

WHEREAS footage shows officers approach the vehicle with their guns drawn, yelling repeatedly at Robinson, who was unresponsive when officers arrived, to put his hands up;

¹ [*UPDATED* MPD Investigating Officer-Involved Shooting | mpdc](#)

² [Community Briefing Videos \(2024\) | mpdc](#)



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WHEREAS the officer seeing a firearm inside of the vehicle, on Mr. Robinson’s lap, then thrusts his gun into the window of the driver’s seat threatening to shoot Robinson in the face;

WHEREAS police quickly fired 10 bullets and continued to fire even after they moved out of reach, killing Robinson;

WHEREAS this incident is under investigation by the Metropolitan Police Department Internal Affairs Division’s Force Investigations Team, which investigates all law enforcement officer-involved shootings in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS Robinson’s family, along with concerned community members, challenge the account given by MPD, increasing community concerns about transparency around police-involved shootings, especially given Robinson’s critical role in ending violence in the city and his unconsciousness at the time of his death;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2A restates its position from its 2022 MPD oversight resolution: ANC2A *“encourages the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee to implement policies to promote a culture of transparency and equity within MPD”*;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A condemns the killing of Justin Robinson, a violence interrupter, by the Metropolitan Police Department, and is eager for a full independent investigation to take place along with a public hearing in the Committee of the Judiciary on Robinson’s death and use of force policies within MPD.

Commissioner Trupti Patel (2A03@anc.dc.gov) and Yannik Omictin (2A01@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission’s representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

Trupti Patel
Chairperson



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CC:

Chairman Phil Mendelson

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