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Deputy Mayor Lindsey Appiah  
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 533  
Washington, DC 20004

### VIA EMAIL

June 23, 2023,

Dear Deputy Mayor Appiah,

Public safety remains top of mind for Ward 5 neighbors. Recently, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Commander Altieri and I, along with representatives from the Department of Buildings, met with Trinidad-area residents to hear concerns about public safety issues. Community members expressed frustration and fear over repeated drug activity, shootings, and disorderly conduct near the intersection of Orren and Neal Streets Northeast. I write to express my commitment in partnering with you to address rising violence and to express my support for the attached requests from Ward 5 neighbors.

Trinidad neighbors are requesting: (1) mobile surveillance monitors; (2) increased MPD patrols, and (3) an accounting for why it took nearly 20 minutes for the Office of Unified Communications (OUC) to dispatch police following a shooting in the community on Saturday, June 10th. On the OUC issue, I have already requested a detailed accounting of the dispatch delay from Director McGaffin.

I appreciate your attention to these matters and look forward to working together to addressing Ward 5 residents' concerns. I request a meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss these specific and other public safety concerns. Please contact Conor Shaw at [cshaw@dccouncil.gov](mailto:cshaw@dccouncil.gov) or 771-333-9817 to schedule a meeting or with any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zachary Parker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Zachary Parker  
Ward 5 Councilmember