

**Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Public Works and Transportation
Oversight Hearing on the Department of Public Works**

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Thank you, Chairman Wells, for calling today's oversight hearing on the Department of Public Works.

I would like to acknowledge the hard working employees of the Department and the leadership of Director William O. Howland, Jr. The services provided by DPW touch every District resident—from street sweeping to trash and recycling collection to parking enforcement. Day in and day out hardworking DPW employees perform their duties without much attention from residents. It's the handful of times when services don't get delivered that residents take note.

I frequently hear complaints about parking from my constituents in 6A01. Of particular concern is the area surrounding the intersection of H Street NE and 12th Street NE. Far too often cars are illegally parked in the crosswalks, in alleys, and even on the public sidewalk in the 800 block of 12th Street NE. This has become a safety issue for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians as it impedes the ability to see oncoming traffic before stepping or pulling out into the roadway. While DPW has been responsive to my requests for enhanced parking enforcement in this area, the problem persists, especially during Friday and Saturday evening and late night hours.

Another issue of concern is the lack of adequate parking enforcement on residential blocks near H Street that have recently been changed to zone 6 parking only on one side of the street. While most residents are pleased these signs are finally in place, there needs to be better and consistent enforcement of the new restrictions. Enforcement is particularly necessary in the evening hours on Fridays and Saturdays.

Thank you again, Mr. Chairman, and I look forward to working with you and DPW on these issues.