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Office of the City Administrator
Government of the District of Columbia
Suite 310
1350 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20004

re: Request for Assistance: 1416 9th Street NW

Dear Mr. Tangherlini,

This ANC is committed to improving public safety by using the full force of the District government and the community to work towards the goal of safe neighborhoods for all. We are requesting your immediate assistance in order to abate the deplorable conditions found at 1416 9th Street NW (SSL 0366 0059). We are writing you, as abatement of the issues surrounding this building will require action from multiple city agencies.

This property is currently vacant and is listed on the DCRA managed vacant property listing. However, as the attached photographs quite clearly show, the building is in extreme violation of the vacant property maintenance standards and is serving as a haven for criminal activity. Both the Metropolitan Police Department and the owners of a neighboring business have confirmed this as fact. As you know, DC Code Title 42, Chapter 31A stipulates that vacant buildings shall be adequately maintained and taxed at a higher Class 3. Without enforcement of the vacant building laws, the owners of these nuisance properties have no incentive to make improvements. ANC2F requests that DCRA inspect this building (interior and exterior) and impose proper fines for violations, but the first priority must be to secure the building.

We also understand that the current owner began renovations on the property, did not have building permits, and that the city eventually had to haul away the debris from the demolition of the interior of the building. If the owner is actively pursuing a building permit we would ask that DCRA work to expedite those requests so renovations can begin, in the interim enforcement of the vacant property maintenance standard must be occur.

The online tax records managed by the CFO Office of Tax and Revenue show that this property owner has not paid property tax since August 25, 2005. We respectfully request that the Office of Tax and Revenue take collection actions against the owner.

The fire department has posted the building as a fire hazard. We further ask that the fire department complete an inspection with DCRA to ensure all potential hazards are abated prior to securing the building.

As the attached pictures show, the backyard is littered with debris and we request that the Department of Public Works take action to clear the area.

We would appreciate if you would appoint a contact person in your office or designate a lead agency to integrate the various city agencies and take lead on the project. As is our practice, we will be posting this correspondence to our web page. We will also post the city response to this request. Our point of contact is Mike Sheaffer and he can be reached at anc2fccps@gmail.com or at 202-682-2142.

Sincerely yours,



Charles D. Reed
Chairman, ANC2F

Encl.

cc: *(via email only, w/o encl)*

Lt. Mike Smith, Metropolitan Police Department

Ms. Jennifer Trock, President, Logan Circle Community Association

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