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March 22, 2006

Honorable Jeanette Clark,
Judge
DC Superior Court
Moultrie Courthouse
500 Indiana Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

re: Melvin Jackson 2006-CMD-003788; 2006-CMD-003593; 2006-CMD-002111;
2006-CMD-001075

Dear Judge Clark:

We have been informed that criminal defendant Marvin Jackson is due to be sentenced in at least one of the above cases. I write as Chairman of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2F, (“ANC2F”) a governmental body established by District of Columbia statute and comprised of elected ANC commissioners representing the interests of more than 12,000 residents in the Logan Circle area. Jackson, a career criminal, has a history of drug addiction with arrests and conviction going back to the 1980s for crimes stemming from his drug habit. In fact, he is currently on probation on convictions involving, among other things, possession of cocaine. Since his recent arrest, the incidence of theft from autos in the Metropolitan Police Service Area 307 have virtually disappeared, suggesting that this defendant was a one-man crime wave in the destruction of car windows and thefts that have plagued the Logan Circle area. (The details of the incidence of theft from automobiles are being provided to you under separate cover in a letter from Jennifer Trock, president of Logan Circle Community Association).

The community is very concerned about the sentencing of this man. For years, as the Logan Circle area has sought to fight against the drug trafficking that continues to be such a scourge in our community. It has often seemed that the District of Columbia Courts have simply ignored the needs of the community by issuing light sentences to repeat offenders, particularly upon those whose crimes have so adversely impacted the community. Jackson is typical of such individuals. His virtually uninterrupted history of criminal activity has wrought untold damage. No car is safely parked on the streets of our community without the ever present fear that it will be vandalized to steal whatever is visible in it (or whatever is *perceived* to be valuable within it—an empty paper bag or a worthless children’s toy are sufficient incentive for destroying a windshield). Jackson, of course, does more than constitute a single source of innumerable misdemeanor crimes. His drug addiction and criminal recidivism are significant contributors to the drug and prostitution that renders our streets unsafe and puts our residents under a cloud of

anxiety. These crimes are exponentially magnified through secondary chain reactions of robberies, assaults, burglaries, and even homicides that are associated with the drug activities of which Jackson is a part.

Logan Circle has progressed far from the days of its slum character. This progress has been achieved by the dedication, diligence and plain hard work of many civic minded and determined citizens who want a safe and pleasant community in which to live, work and raise families. For his own personal benefit and without regard for the social consequences of his illegal acts, Jackson is a threat to these goals.

We are a hard working community, struggling with many challenges in our efforts to create a decent, safe and peaceful neighborhood. We understand the obligations of the courts to apply an even handed justice in the sentencing process, which takes into account the circumstances of the defendant as well as the community. Here, we submit, the appropriate balance militates toward removing this persistent criminal from our streets by imposing the maximum sentence.

Marvin Jackson, in his own right on the basis of an egregious criminal career and as a deterrent to others, deserves to be given maximum punishment.

Sincerely yours,



Charles D. Reed
Chairman, ANC2F

cc: Lt. Michael Smith, Metropolitan Police Department
Jennifer Trock

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