

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A Box 75115 Washington, DC 20013



May 19, 2004

David A. Clark, Director Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs 941 North Capitol Street, NE, Room 2200 Washington, DC 20002

Re: Construction at 1125 G Street, NE

Dear Mr. Clark,

Our Commission is writing to alert you to issues associated with the construction at 1125 G Street, NE.

You may recall that an adjoining property owner contacted your office in March 2003 regarding damage to his property and the property on the other side of this address resulting from improper backfilling, bracing, and shoring.

At our most recent Commission meeting, residents expressed additional concerns about the construction of a multi-story residential dwelling at this address. In particular, residents want to know whether required construction inspections by DCRA have occurred and whether these inspections been adequate. There were particular concerns about inspections for the foundation, firewall, framing, and overall structural integrity following significant exposure to the elements over the past several months. Given the pace of construction, existing structural problems may be covered up leading to more problems later for subsequent owners and nearby property owners.

With respect to these concerns, our Commission recommends:

- 1) Building permits for this property be suspended or revoked until on-site inspections are complete;
- 2) Existing construction be demolished if structural concerns are not addressed fully; and
- 3) Appropriate representatives from DCRA present a written status report to the ANC at our next monthly meeting on June 10, 2004 at 7 P.M. at Miner Elementary School (601 15th Street, NE).

If you have any questions or need further information, you may contact me at 202-423-8868.

Respectfully,

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose