

District of Columbia Government Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A-02 815 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20002



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Mr. Charles Daum Attorney for James Michael Homanich 517 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20002

Re: Continued Disturbance at 810 F Street, NE

Mr. Daum:

As the elected single member district commissioner, and on behalf of the residents on the 800 block of F Street and the 600 block of Pickford Street, NE, I am seeking your immediate assistance. This letter is in regards to the property of Mr. James M. Homanich, whom we understand that you presently represent as his court appointed attorney, located at 810 F Street, NE.

Since the Drug Enforcement Agency raid of December 16, 2004, squatters have moved into the house and have made themselves a nuisance to the neighborhood. Between December 25 and December 31, neighbors observed these squatters changing the locks on the front door. Police intervention has been required on several occasions since due to loud arguments and disturbances that have the potential to lead to violence. Neighbors are concerned for their safety.

On several occasions, men have showed up at property that appeared to be acting on Mr. Homanich's behalf. They attempted to clear the house of squatters, but could not attain the direct help of MPD as they did not have the proper legal authority to act on his behalf. While these men have had some success in clearing the squatters for a short time, the squatters inevitable returned within a day or two. Recently unidentified men were observed to be removing property from the house. It is not clear if these men were acting on Mr. Homanich's behalf or not.

We are writing to request that you obtain the proper legal authority from Mr. Homanich to act on his behalf regarding this property. Specifically, the locks to the back door of the house must be changed; the back iron gates must be chained and pad-locked; the back wooden fence, which presently will not close without propping a board against it, requires a latch and pad-lock; and the front door and iron gate require new locks and keys. Now is the time to do this since the property appears to be unoccupied at the moment. Members of the community are willing to work with Mr. Homanich to see that the property on 810 F St. does not remain a nuisance property. Currently, an upstairs window is open and the lights throughout the house have been left on. If you could please respond in writing within 10 days updating the status of this request, it would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Joseph Fengler, ANC Commissioner

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