

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



May 1, 2008

Ms. Linda Argo, Director
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
941 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002

Re: ANC 6A Requests Reestablishment of DCRA ANC Liaison

Ms. Argo:

On April 10, 2008, at the duly noticed, regularly scheduled monthly meeting of our Commission, with all eight Commissioners present, we voted unanimously to request that the Department of Consumer and Regulator Affairs (DCRA) reestablish the position within DCRA for an ANC Liaison.

In May 2005, our Commission made the formal request to DCRA to create this position to assist Commissioners with issues that directly impact their residents (see attachment). Based on our request, DCRA created, funded and staffed this position. Over the last three years, this position has provided great assistance to our Commission on a wide range of zoning, public space and licensing issues.

Our Commission was surprised to learn the funding for this position was eliminated in the proposed 2009 District of Columbia budget. Accordingly, we seek your assistance to work with the District of Columbia Council to restore the funding for this position during the mark-up of the 2009 District of Columbia budget.

On behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Council Chairman Gray

Councilmember Wells Councilmember Brown Councilmember Catania



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May 18, 2005

Dr. Patrick J. Canavan, Director Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs 941 North Capitol Street, NE, Room 2200 Washington, DC 20002

Re: Recommendation for Ward Liaisons

Dear Dr. Canavan,

On May 12, 2005, ANC 6A voted unanimously to send this letter recommending that DCRA establish Ward liaisons.

ANC 6A recommends that DCRA create Ward liaisons similar to those employed by the District Department of Transportation and the Office of Planning. These Ward liaisons would answer questions and respond to inquiries on building permits, certificates of occupancy, abatement of nuisance property, and other issues under the jurisdiction of DCRA.

While we appreciate the efforts of DCRA staff such as Mr. Joseph McCarley, we feel that the DCRA's scope of responsibility and the number of issues that regularly emerge in our ANC and Ward would justify the creation of multiple staff positions with Ward-specific responsibilities and accountability.

If you have any questions or need further information about this recommendation, please contact Commissioner Cody Rice, Chair of ANC 6A's Economic Development and Zoning Committee at 544-3734.

Respectfully yours.

Joseph Fengler

Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A