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Re: Partnership to create comprehensive proactive solution to maintenance and sanitation of alleys abutting commercial properties in Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A

Dear Gentlemen,

I write to you with an invite for your respective agencies to engage our ANC and community in an ongoing partnership to create an effective, proactive plan for addressing serious sanitation, maintenance and traffic concerns that are blighting the commercial alleys in our ANC. Residents in our ANC have asked us to take this step because, despite the best efforts of all concerned to reactively address these concerns, we continue to experience significant quality of life issues in our alleys. Accordingly, at a regularly scheduled and properly noticed meeting¹ on September 11, 2014, our Commission voted 7-0-0 (with 5 Commissioners required for a quorum) to request that your agencies partner with our ANC and community to create a comprehensive, proactive plan for addressing sanitation, maintenance and traffic concerns in our alleys, which should include at a minimum the alleys adjacent to the following blocks: 1200 block of Wiley Street NE; 1200 block of Linden Place; 1300 block of Linden Court; and the 800 block of H Street NE.

¹ 6A ANC meetings are advertised electronically on the listserves anc6a-announce@yahoogroups.com, anc-6a@yahoogroups.com and newhilleast@yahoogroups.com, at www.anc6a.org, and through print advertisements in the Hill Rag.



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Our hope is that this effort will include an assessment of current conditions (drainage, cleanliness, city service and commercial traffic, etc.) and an examination of all tools available to address these concerns, including an effective enforcement program for violators of city regulations concerning food disposal and trash, focused cleaning efforts, any necessary signage and the like.

Our ANC and community realize that resolving this problem cannot fall on one agency or one individual, which is why we are reaching out to all of you together in a spirit of partnership to work with your agencies collaboratively to address these concerns. Several residents in our community have also contacted us expressing interest in doing all they can to help with this effort. It seems many people feel frustrated with a seemingly insurmountable problem and they are not sure where else to turn to get relief. Our goal is to provide all parties concerned an avenue to arriving at a comprehensive, lasting solution to addressing these serious concerns. We therefore urge you to engage us on this effort by sending a representative to our next meeting of the ANC 6A Transportation and Public Space Committee on Monday, October 20, 2014. Once you confirm, we will be sure to send your representative a meeting agenda and confirmation of the meeting location about a week before the meeting.

Thank you for giving consideration to this proposal by ANC 6A. Please feel free to reach out to me at 6A04@dc.gov or J. Omar Mahmud, Vice-Chair of ANC 6A, at mahmud6a01@gmail.com to coordinate our efforts on this proposal.

On behalf of the Commission,

Nicholas Alberti,
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

J. Omar Mahmud
Vice-Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

Cc: Mayor Vincent Gray
Council Chair Phil Mendelson
Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh, Chair of the Committee on Transportation and the Environment
Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells, Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety