

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



October 9, 2007

Department of Public Works

Attn: William Howland, Director
Franklin D. Reeves Center
2000 14th Street, NW, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20009

Re: Removal of posters, signs, and placards within ANC6A

Dear Mr. Howland,

We are writing to request that Department of Public Works (DPW) enforce the regulations related to the posting of posters, signs, and placards within the boundaries of ANC 6A within the next 30 days. The owner should remove signs that are illegally posted or DPW should remove them.

It is our view that DPW has been extremely tolerant of the illegal posting of signs throughout the city and in particular within ANC6A. Our neighborhood is overwhelmed with signs posted to light poles, utility boxes, sign posts, bus shelters, and even vacant buildings (please see attached photos). At times entire blocks such as H Street can have every available surface filled with these postings.

It is clear that some of the posting groups make no effort to remove the signs, which leads to unnecessary expenses for the taxpayers and visually clutters our neighborhood. Signs left up slowly deteriorate and contribute litter to our streets.

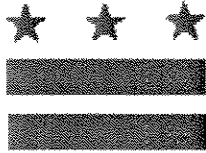
It is our desire that the public spaces of our ANC be kept clean and that our public space be respected. In particular we are concerned about the very real probability that the visual clutter contributes to visitor's perceptions that portions of our ANC such as H Street are not safe.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Joseph Fengler
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

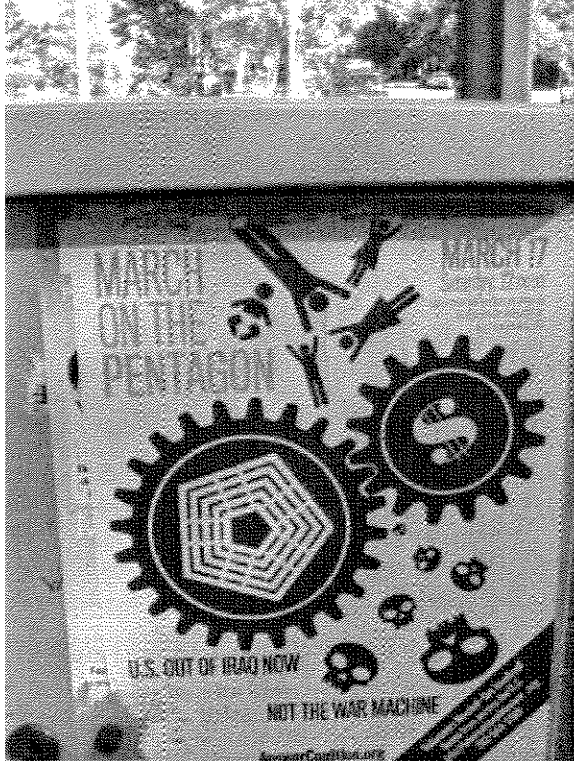
Cc: Honorable Council Member Wells, Ward 6
Honorable Adrian Fenty, Mayor



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All photos taken on September 12, 2007



800 block of H Street, NE
posters from various groups posted to vacant building, light poles, and utility corridors



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Corner of Mass and 9th, NE

poster from fall 2006 event covering another poster from an earlier event



Corner of H St and 8th, NE

resulting defacement and damage to public property resulting from tolerance of posting



Corner of H St and 8th, NE

Posters glued to utility pole in violation of law