

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Office of the Director

December 27, 2004

Joseph Fengler
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A02
Washington, DC 20032

Dear Commissioner Fengler:

This letter is in response to your letter and correspondence forwarded to the Department of Housing and Community Development electronically regarding the disposition of properties located at 525 9th Street, NE and 1341 Maryland Avenue, NE.

I want to thank you and the residents of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6A02 for participating in the October 21, 2004 and December 13, 2004, community meetings. Having a process that increases dialogue and shares information with all segments of the community is vital to the mission of this Department.

In your letter you requested that the representatives of both ANC 6A02 and ANC 6A06 be afforded the opportunity to participate in the separate interagency process to draft, publish, review and select Request for Proposals for the disposition of these properties.

DHCD is aware of the role of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission and welcomes your participation in planning and providing input into the development of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for these properties. The Department provides each ANC an opportunity to comment on funding of any development projects in the affected neighborhood by providing direct notice to the affected ANC pursuant to the ANC Act, DC Law 1-58, and DC Official Code 1-309.10. While the ANC should certainly be involved in any planning for development of those properties to assure that neighborhood needs are addressed, the competitive process is not the proper venue for any affected ANC body to have a vote for or against a project. The Department will keep the community abreast of all opportunities to provide continued input into the planning process.

DHCD looks forward to the ANC's continued participation in the open community process being conducted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stanley Jackson".

Stanley Jackson
Director