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April 5, 2004

Lori E. Parker  
Interim Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families and Elders  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 307  
Washington, DC 20004

Re: No response to ANC letter on 1626 Kramer Street, NE

Ms. Parker:

On November 18, 2003, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A sent the attached letter concerning the construction of a youth rehabilitation home at 1626 Kramer Street, NE to your predecessor, Ms. Carolyn N. Graham. Four months later, neither the Department of Human Services nor the Youth Services Administration has provided a written response to the ANC.

Both ANC 6A and the Kramer Street Association of Rosedale have expressed serious and legitimate concerns about the appropriateness of the 1600 block of Kramer Street, NE for rehabilitative uses for troubled juveniles. This area continues to struggle with drug use, violence, and other serious crime. As you can imagine, not receiving a written response to our letter only adds to the perception that DHS and YSA—agencies under your direction—have little or no respect for the residents of this neighborhood.

The courtesy of a substantive reply to our previous letter would be appreciated, as would a status report on the facility and a copy of the certificate of occupancy. If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact Commissioner Gladys Mack at 202-398-3329.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Councilmember Sharon Ambrose  
Ron Whipple, Kramer Street Association of Rosedale  
Gottlieb Simon, Office of ANCs

Attachment



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November 18, 2003

Carolyn N. Graham  
Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families and Elders  
John A. Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 307  
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Recommendations for Use of Facility at 1626 Kramer Street, NE

Deputy Mayor Graham:

On November 13, 2003, ANC 6A voted unanimously to request that you give serious consideration to the recommendations presented to you on November 4, 2003 by the Kramer Street Association of Rosedale. These recommendations are for the occupancy of the facility under construction at 1626 Kramer Street, NE.

As you will recall, the Kramer Street Association of Rosedale expressed serious concerns about the appropriateness of the 1600 block of Kramer Street, NE for rehabilitative uses for troubled juveniles. This area continues to struggle with drug use, violence, and other serious crime. As Mr. Whipple and Mr. Hill related at the meeting, troubled juveniles may be caught up in this activity, imperiling themselves and others.

As a result, the Kramer Street Association of Rosedale recommended the following types of occupancy instead of the planned juvenile justice use:

1. Group home for children waiting for adoption or foster care;
2. Home for a family with children needing housing assistance;
3. Group home for children with mild to moderate mental disabilities; or
4. Group home for senior citizens.

As you are well aware, there are many populations of need in this city who could be served by the facility under construction at 1626 Kramer Street, NE. ANC 6A asks that you give serious consideration to the concerns of residents who live near this facility and to their recommendations. This is particularly important given the lack of outreach by the Department of Human Services and the Youth Services Administration prior to construction of this facility.

If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact Commissioner Gladys Mack at 202-398-3329 or [gmack01@juno.com](mailto:gmack01@juno.com).

Respectfully yours,

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Joseph Fengler  
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

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