

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth, Families and Elders

Lori E. Parker
Interim Deputy Mayor



April 19, 2004

Mr. Joseph Fengler
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A
Box 75115
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. Fengler:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern over the appropriateness of housing youth at 1626 Kramer Street NE. First of all, we would like to apologize for the delay in responding to your letter of November 18, 2003.

I would also like to assure you that the Department of Human Services staff that met with the ANC 6A members in November 2003 considered all the recommendations presented at the meeting regarding Kramer Street property. After considering those recommendations, you should be aware that the current plan is to use the house for no more than six female youth in need of supervision (commonly referred to as Persons In Need of Supervision or PINS). Many of these female youth require services and supports known to be more successful when delivered in a community setting.

Rest assured, adult monitoring and supervision will be present at this home twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. As always, we remain committed to working with ANC 6A to address any community concerns regarding this facility.

If you have any further questions, concerns, or would like to discuss this matter further, we can be reached at (202) 727-8001.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Lori Parker in cursive.

Lori Parker
Deputy Mayor for Children,
Youth, Families and Elders

Handwritten signature of Yvonne Gilchrist in cursive.

Yvonne Gilchrist, Director
Department of Human Services

cc: Robert C. Bobb, City Administrator and Deputy Mayor