



Government of the District of Columbia
Advisory Neighborhood Commission
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Washington, DC 20013



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Ms. Linda Argo
Director
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
1100 4th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Re: Request for Partnership regarding Vacant Blighted Properties

Dear Ms. Argo:

ANC6A has worked hard to address vacant and blighted property issues over the past several years. Our Economic Development and Zoning Committee and citizen volunteers regularly assist DCRA with identifying and abating vacant properties in our neighborhoods. ANC6A is currently in the process of finishing a complete update to our vacant and blighted property map and will be transmitting that information to DCRA in the coming weeks.

ANC6A is pleased that DCRA is now partnering with community groups and ANCs on a pilot program regarding vacant property maps. We particularly applaud the effort to publicly identify any exemptions which have been granted to vacant properties. ANC6A hereby requests that that the neighborhood that it represents be included in this pilot program. Because we have already created our own map of vacant and blighted properties, it should easily allow DCRA to partner with us. In addition, we very much look forward to tracking the exemptions that have been granted to some of the long-vacant properties in our bounds.

If you have any questions about this matter please feel free to contact Phil Toomajian. Mr. Toomajian can be reached at ptoomajian@hotmail.com.

On Behalf of the Commission,

Kelvin J. Robinson
Chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A

cc: Tommy Wells, Councilmember, Ward 6
Muriel Bowser, Chair, DC Council Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs
Reuben Pemberton, III, Director, DCRA Office of Vacant Property
Michael Ruppert, DCRA Communications Director