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The Honorable Marion S. Barry, Jr.
Mayor of the District of Columbia
District Building
14th & E Sts., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Re: Stuart L. Knoop
D.C. Commission on Aging

The term of Stuart L. Knoop as a member of the D.C. Commission on Aging expires at the end of October, 1979. This is to add my enthusiastic endorsement to his re-nomination and reappointment to the Commission for a three year term.

Mr. Knoop has demonstrated his value and service to the older population of the District as well as Ward 3. He is dedicated, diligent and thoughtful in his pursuit of solutions to their problems. He has been willing to work long hours on needed tasks such as research, meetings and hearings. Your office has his resume with supporting data on file.

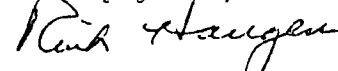
As the lead person for the Commission on Aging in the Ward, he has requested the assistance of the Ward 3 Inter-ANC Committee on Aging in activating a Ward "mini commission" on Aging - a charge from its Chairperson. Through monthly meetings - June, July, and August - and a core group of twenty plus participants, this move is well underway.

Mr. Knoop has been a participating member of ANC 3-C community. He volunteers his availability for involvement on issues of neighborhood concern as well as those relating to his particular knowledge and expertise.

I write this endorsement as a representative of the District's older population, and as a retired professional deeply concerned, still active and working in their behalf as noted in the responsibilities designated below.

Thank you for considering this endorsement.

Sincerely yours,



Ruth Haugen, Chair
Committee on Human Resources
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cc: The Honorable Polly Shackleton
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Memorandum to Government of the District of Columbia

TO: Advisory Neighborhood Council

Department, Economic Development
Agency, Office: Office of Neighborhood
Permit Branch

FROM: ERNEST L. PIFER, Chief
Permit Branch *ELP*

Date: August 30, 1979

SUBJECT: Public Space Proposed to be Rented

Attached hereto is a drawing indicating location of Public Space
proposed to be rented to Raj Mallick
at 2603 Conn. Ave. N.W. Lot 146 Square 2204
for the following purpose: side walk cafe

It is requested that you review this proposal and advise the
undersigned not later than two weeks whether or not you offer
any objections to such use.

If no objection please sign and return. Objections are to be
fully documented so that further consideration may be given applicant's
request.

Attachment

ENDORSEMENT

Date _____

TO: Chief, Permit Branch, 614 H Street, N.W., Room 105

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Signature _____

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(Please State Reason)

Signature _____

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Mr. David Splitt
Director, Office of Documents
District Building, Room 523
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Splitt:

This is in response to your request for information as to
Offices, Officers, Members and Meeting Dates of Advisory
Neighborhood Commission 3C. Herewith:

Offices: Located at 2737 Devonshire Place, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
Phone: 232-2232 Hours: Irregular (no paid
staff) but phone has secretarial service 24
hours/day.

Officers: Chairperson : Lindsley Williams
Vice Chairperson : Gary Kopff
Recording Secretary : Katherine Coram
Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Haugen
Treasurer : David Grinnell
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Members: Please see below; numbers correspond to Single Member
District designation (3C-01 Pitts, etc.)

Meetings: Regular Meetings: Usually 4th Monday of Month and
Usually held at Second District Police Station --
balance of calendar 1979 is August 27, September 24,
October 22, November 26, and December 24 but last
date likely to be shifted to one week earlier, i.e.
Monday, December 17 (rather than Christmas Eve).
Nearly all meetings are scheduled to start at 8:00 pm.
Special Meetings: Time and Place Varies, usually not
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We hope you find this information complete and helpful.

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This matter was formally considered, and approved, by the ANC at its July 27, 1979 meeting. The treasurer was directed to prepare a check, payable to the D. C. Treasurer, in the amount of \$150.00. This check is enclosed.

We appreciate your help in this matter. We look forward to receiving the sets from your office in the near future.

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Enclosure

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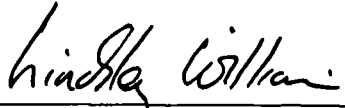
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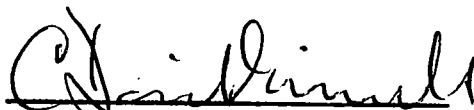
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Formation -- The Woodley Place Elm Association (WPEA) was formed in July 1979 to protect the neighborhood's collection of prime American Elm trees from the Dutch Elm Disease. There are 43 elm trees, planted more than 50 years ago, lining the 2600 and 2700 blocks of Woodley Place. They form a unique esthetic and practical asset whose loss would be irreparable to the human, furred and feathered residents of the neighborhood.

Premise -- The WPEA is based on the premise that voluntary citizen action at the lowest municipal level is the most effective means of defining local needs and that those needs can be most successfully met through a proper balance of citizen initiative, government response and implementation of private sector innovations.

Membership -- Membership in the Association is voluntary, with annual contributions of \$10 per house. To date, more than 40 residents of Woodley Place and Cathedral Avenue have donated more than \$700. (There are an estimated 100 private residences in the two blocks of Woodley Place.)

Functions -- To protect against the Dutch Elm Disease through the timely annual injection of Mauget's "Fungi-Sol", an EPA-approved chemical used in the treatment and control of vascular fungus diseases (including Dutch Elm Disease) of broadleaf and coniferous trees.

To provide the D.C. Division of Trees and Landscaping with complete information about the results of the injection program, based on tree population and inoculation; to act as a control experiment for the future implementation of a chemical injection program against the Dutch Elm Disease throughout the District of Columbia.

To elicit the prompt cooperation of the Division of Trees and Landscaping in all other facets of effective Dutch Elm Disease control, including spraying, pruning and complete removal of dead trees.

To ensure the immediate replacement of dead trees with live Chinese Elm saplings provided by the Division of Trees and Landscaping, or those donated by residents and duly approved by the Division.

Technical Advisers -- Hans Johannsen, Chief
Division of Trees and Landscaping
1218 28th Street, N.W.

Charles Cissel
Guardian Tree Experts
12401 Parklawn Drive
Rockville, Maryland

Publications -- Woodley Place Elm Association Newsletter (free).
Fact Sheet.

Special Events -- Woodley Place Clean-Up Day; Elm Celebration Day.

Annual Funding Requirements -- Approximately \$600 per year.

Address -- Woodley Place Elm Association
2750 Woodley Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008
202-483-3755

Officers -- Christopher Klose, Secretary/Treasurer
William Bushey, Chief Engineer
Steve Rabin, Second Engineer

PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES

TO ANC 3C



THE ANNE BLAINE HARRISON
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I. LEGAL SERVICES

The Harrison Institute can offer a wide variety of legal services to non-profit community organizations. While the following categories are not exclusive, they do indicate the areas of the greatest planning and capability of the Harrison Institute.

A. Agency Representation/Neighborhood Planning & Development

Legal representation and counseling are often crucial for successful citizen participation in the decision-making processes of D.C. agencies which control neighborhood planning and development, particularly the Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Sound legal advice means much more than simply opposing development or license applications in contested cases. It means enabling citizen groups to negotiate with developers and license applicants, to creatively develop alternative plans and acceptable conditions when mere opposition would otherwise prove futile.

B. Organizational Planning

Many community organizations have need for drafting or updating articles of incorporation, by-laws, leases, contracts, and other documents that are important for planning and management. Program operations often require compliance with local or federal regulations, particularly when the organization is publicly funded. ANCs, in particular, have statutory responsibilities in such areas as notice and public meetings, spending, procurement, personnel practices, funding allocations, reporting, elections and vacancies, and joint programs.

C. Legislation and Rulemaking

Legal services in support of citizens involved in the legislative or rulemaking process are substantially similar. They include: drafting; preparation of explanatory documents; legal research on questions of government authority, constitutional law and comparative provisions of other states' law; and briefings on the legal and drafting issues regarding proposed legislation or rulemaking.

D. Policy Implementation for Individuals

Public policies are proven in practice, not on paper. Citizen groups and ANCs have an interest in the implementation of a policy as well as the initial making of the policy. This involves support of individuals who are directly effected. For example: tenants seeking to exercise their statutory right to purchase, employees concerned about discrimination or the lack of affirmative action under the D.C. Human Rights Act, and families with children who are developmentally disabled and need a special education placement by the school system. Legal services to individuals are limited to such cases where a government policy or process is directly involved. Services must also be limited to individuals who are low or moderate income. The Harrison Institute uses the HUD income limit of 80 percent of the SMSA median income, \$18,000 for a family of four.

E. Community Reinvestment

There are several laws which give neighborhood groups significant opportunities to negotiate with private lending institutions in order to define and better meet the housing and consumer credit needs of the community. These include the Community Reinvestment Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the Fair Housing Act, and the D.C. Human Rights Act. Local groups have successfully negotiated with lenders during the branch application process on at least two occasions. The Harrison Institute is prepared to provide assistance for such community reinvestment projects in the future.

F. Citizen Education

The Harrison Institute offers a variety of legal education services to community groups, including course, seminar or workshop formats. The topics include: local government law and home rule, legislative power and process, citizen participation mechanisms (including ANCs), administrative law, neighborhood planning and development law (including zoning and liquor license procedures), tenant rights, conversion to tenant ownership, D.C. housing policy, community reinvestment strategies, legal drafting, advocacy techniques for non-lawyers, and tax policy.

II. CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS

The Harrison Institute is able to offer legal services to non-profit community groups at reasonable rates through the use of its clinical programs, specialization and long-range planning. The lowest hourly rate is \$16.50; it is available for contracts which cover a 12 month period, and which have a prepaid retainer of at least \$1,000. Contracts for shorter periods or lesser amounts require a higher rate of \$20.25 per hour because they do not enable the Institute to plan or administer staff time as efficiently. (After July 1, 1980, the beginning of the University's fiscal year, the rates increase to 17.75 and 21.50 respectively.)

The hourly rates are charged against professionals' time only; they include a margin for secretarial services and office expenses. Clients are not charged for work done by law students in an Institute clinical program. If time covered by a prepaid retainer is not actually used by the end of the contract period, the remaining balance can be refunded or applied to a subsequent contract period.

III. OPERATING PROCEDURES

A. Requests for Legal Services

Legal services are provided to the contracting group as a whole. This means that requests must come from a designated officer of the group, not from individual members of the group. The Institute may not be able to respond to project requests which are made on short notice. This is because the time may have been allocated for a previous request by another group. In the event of such a time conflict, the Institute will seek out other sources of legal services if the project cannot be postponed.

B. Limitations on Work for ANC's

It bears mentioning that certain kinds of work cannot be undertaken by ANC's or paid for by ANC's. The most significant limitation is that the Institute cannot initiate legal action in the D.C. or federal courts under an ANC contract. This limitation applies to services provided to individuals under an ANC contract.

The effect of this rule is to limit ANC legal actions to the administrative law level and to dealings with private parties. If an appeal or other recourse to the courts becomes necessary, the Harrison Institute would make every effort to obtain alternative legal services for that portion of the project.

RESUMES OF HARRISON INSTITUTE STAFF

ROBERT K. STUMBERG

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EDUCATION

- 5/79 Master of Law (LLM), Georgetown University Law Center;
Washington, D.C.
- 5/75 Juris Doctor (JD), Georgetown University Law Center; Wash-
ington D.C.
- 5/72 Bachelor of Arts (BA), Macalester College; St. Paul,
Minnesota; Graduation with Distinction (4.0 in major field
of political science); Student Body President; National
Political Science Honor Society (Pi Sigma Alpha); Phi Beta
Kappa.

EXPERIENCE

- 7/77 - Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center
present
- 2/77 - Deputy Director, The Harrison Institute for Public Law,
present Georgetown University Law Center: responsible for
administration, program development, fundraising,
curriculum planning, student supervision, and seminar
teaching in clinical programs:
- * Community Legal Assistance: general legal assistance
in two program divisions:
 - * administrative law services for community
organizations, particularly in the areas of
planning, zoning, and business licenses; and
 - * housing law services to tenants who seek to
purchase the single- or multi-family buildings
which they rent, and to other community organi-
zations which seek to participate in the for-
mulation of housing policy.
 - * Developmental Disability Law Project: representa-
tion of mentally and physically disabled persons
in areas of special education and employment dis-
crimination; consumer legal education.
- 7/75- Teaching Fellow, The D.C. Project (predecessor to the
Harrison Institute): responsible for student supervision,
curriculum planning, and seminar teaching for the Legis-
lative Research Center. The LRC was a clinical program
which provided research and drafting services to commit-
tees of the Council of the District of Columbia.

- 9/74-6/75 Legal Intern, Senate Government Operations Committee, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations: research and drafting on issues of property tax reform and fed. regulation of lobbying.
- 9/74-5/75 Teaching Fellow, Georgetown Legal Writing Program: legal writing, research and appellate argument class of 13 first year law students.
- 5/74-9/75 Law Clerk, Law Offices of Washington: general practice case work; assisted staff hiring; developed plans for prepaid legal services and use of paralegals.
- 9/73-5/74 Legal Intern, D.C. Public Interest Research Group: community education seminars, research memoranda for D.C. Council staff; position papers on housing issues.
- 11/72-5/74 Law Clerk, Gailor, Burns & Elias: Legal & economic research for firm specializing in federal regulation of financial institutions; prepared Congressional testimony, business workshops and administrative hearing material.
- 6/72-9/72 Intern, Citizen Action Group (a Public Citizen/Nader affiliate): wrote manual on project selection, research design, curricular planning and staff selection for public interest organizations.

BAR MEMBERSHIP

- 9/75 Supreme Court of Missouri
- District of Columbia - waiver application pending

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 11/78 - Board of Directors, Community Research Foundation; Washington, D.C.: grassroots funding conduit for public policy and consumer oriented research.
- 6/75-
present Board of Directors, Community Law Offices; Washington, D.C.: professional corporation for moderate-income legal services.
- 11/78-12/78 Transition Task Force on Housing Policy (Barry Administration): committees on displacement policy, condominium conversion, and housing finance agency.
- 9/72-5/75 Chairman, consultant to D.C. Public Interest Research Group, Inc. (DC PIRG): initial organization; funding; staff hiring; project research planning.
- 6/73-9/73 Research Coordinator, City-Wide Housing Coalition: condominium conversion and rent control committees.

11/70-9/71 State Board of Directors, Minnesota Public Interest Research Group, Inc. (MPIRG): initial organization; staff hiring; project research planning; newsletter; funding.

PRESENTATIONS

4/79 Panelist, Effectiveness of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, WAMU - FM, Washington, D.C.

10/78 Moderator/Panelist, Evaluation of a Tax System; Conference on State and Local Tax Reform---Sponsor: Conference/Alternative State and Local Public Policies; Washington, D.C.

1/78 Moderator/Panelist, Neighborhood Legal Action; Legislation Conference---National Association of Neighborhoods; Newark, N.J.

10/77 Panelist, Citizen Education; 6th National Conference---Sponsor: National Association of Neighborhoods; Chicago, Ill.

4/77 Panelist, Introduction to Tax Policy; Conference on State & Local Tax Reform---Sponsor: Conference/Alternative State & Local Public Policies; Washington, D.C.

4/77 Panelist, Neighborhood Legal Action; 5th National Conference---Sponsor: National Association of Neighborhoods; Pittsburgh, Pa.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Raised in St. Charles, Missouri; son of a lawyer and a teacher of music. In high school, participated in debate, student council, track, cross-country and organized American Field Service program. Named to Honor Roll and National Honor Society.

Honors in college also included Chairman of Student Government Educational Affairs Committee; editorial staff of student newspaper; varsity letterman and team co-captain in track and cross country. Upon graduation, was offered, but declined Syracuse University Maxwell Fellowship for graduate work in social science.

Married in May 1975 to Susan R. Halse, an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church. One child, Ehren Kristopher born June 1978.

Suzan J. Aramaki

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Annandale, Va. 22003
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Marital Status: Single

Educational Background

Legal: Georgetown University Law Center J.D. May 1978

Academic: Number of credit hours completed -- 83

Course: As required, but with elective emphasis on
Administrative and Environmental Law, and
Clinical Program in Legislation

College: Stanford University, Stanford, California B.A. June 1974

Course: Liberal Arts -- Psychology Major 3.4/4.0 scale

Honors: Researcher and assistant to Dr. Norman Mackworth,
Dept. of Psychology (Sept., 1973 -- June, 1974)
and Drs. John Bonvillian and Keith Nelson, Dept.
of Psychology (Sept., 1972 -- June, 1973)

Activities: Volunteer Interviewer for the San Mateo
County Own Recognizance Project (similar to
D.C. Bail Agency), June, 1974 -- August, 1974

Employment Experience: December, 1977 -- May 1978, Law Clerk, Prof. J. Newman
Summer, 1977, Law Clerk, D.C. Project, 605 G St., N.W., D.C.
Summer, 1976, Criminal Investigator, District of Columbia
August, 1974 -- August, 1975, Investigator, San Mateo County Own
Recognizance Project, Redwood City, California
January, 1975 -- March, 1975, Instructor, Stanford undergraduate
SWOPSI (Stanford Workshops on Political and Social Issues)
course, "Pretrial Detention and Release"
Summer 1971 & 1972, Proofreader and Keypuncher, Kentron Hawaii, Inc.,
Honolulu, Hawaii

References: On Request



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Date of Birth: May 27, 1939

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.
LL.B., June 1965
Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts
B.A., June 1961

BAR

Admitted to the New York and District of Columbia Bars

PRESENT POSITIONS (1972 - Present)

- * PROFESSOR OF LAW, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER
- * FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR, THE ANNE BLAINE HARRISON INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC LAW (Formerly the D.C. Project)
- * DIRECTOR, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STREET LAW PROJECT
- * FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR, THE NATIONAL STREET LAW INSTITUTE

Georgetown University Law Center

The Anne Blaine Harrison Institute for Public Law

The Harrison Institute, composed of attorneys, masters of law degree candidates and consultants, is one of the largest clinical programs at Georgetown University Law Center. The Institute is composed of many discrete legal clinics, as well as a community-wide education component. It is supported by university, private and public funds.

As director, I am responsible for the development of new programs, funding, community and institutional support, and curriculum. I teach, or have taught, the program seminars,

supervise students and/or professional staff and administer the overall operations.

With law students receiving credit, the following assistance is provided within the District of Columbia:

1. Administrative law seminar - cases are taken before D.C. administrative agencies and the courts. Practice manuals and textbooks written. Also, legal assistance to community groups on such matters as tax, corporate, contracts, consumer, transportation, environment, housing, general legislation and governmental policies.
2. Legislative research seminar - serves as a research and drafting unit for the City Council.
3. Developmentally disabled seminar - serves clients relative to the problems of the mentally and physically handicapped.
4. Tenant equity seminar - provides legal assistance to tenants in owning their homes.

The D.C. Street Law Project

1. Teaching Street Law Seminar: High School - practical law (including the areas of criminal law and procedures, consumer law, family law, housing law and individual rights law) taught to students at all of the 16 D.C. public high schools. Course includes newsletter written by high school students and disseminated city-wide and an annual city-wide mock trial competition judged by members of the local and federal judiciary. Books published by West Publishing Company.
2. Teaching Street Law Seminar: Corrections - Street Law curriculum (including legal research, sentencing, probation, post-conviction relief, parole and constitutional law) taught in correctional facilities serving the District. Books published by West Publishing Company.

Consortium of Universities

The National Street Law Institute

Professional staff: Several attorneys and consultants.

The National Street Law Institute assists law schools in establishing and operating educational law programs for laypersons. Presently under the aegis of the Institute, legal programs have been established in high schools and correctional facilities in several cities. The Institute also provides technical assistance to school systems, departments of corrections, bar associations, state and local governments, and legal services programs. Among the groups the Institute has worked with are the American Bar Association (and numerous state and local bar associations), the Association of American Law Schools, the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, and delinquency prevention and juvenile

justice agencies in Washington, D.C., and New York State, departments of corrections in California, Colorado and Washington. Serves as consultants to CBS-News' "30 Minutes" series, producing the segment entitled "Who's Right?" Establishing first offender diversion project with Superior Court whereby youth will, under a consent decree, receive a program on the law.

The Institute's Advisory Board is composed of national recognized lawyers and educators. National books are published by West Publishing Company.

FORMER POSITIONS

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LAW, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER (Spring 1970 to 1972)

Taught courses in poverty law and urban affairs.

SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM (March 1970 to May 1972)

Filed briefs on behalf of the poor before governmental agencies, federal and local courts and was general legal advisor to the national office and local programs.

COUNSEL TO THE FIRST CITY COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (September 1968 to March 1970)

Drafted legislation and served as legal advisor.

LEGAL ADVISOR TO NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD MEMBER JOHN H. FANNING (July 1967 to September 1968)

Drafted Board opinions.

ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK (January 1966 to July 1967)

Legal advisor regarding housing policies.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK (Summer Intern 1964)

COMMISSIONS

COMMISSIONER, ADVISORY COMMISSION, SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH EDUCATION FOR CITIZENSHIP, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (August 1977 to Present)

Twelve members, representing the legal profession across the country.

CONGRESSIONAL LAW REVISION COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (October 1974 to Present)

City Council appointment. Nineteen member Commission appointed by the United States Senate, the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States, the Unified Bar, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Corporation Counsel of the District of Columbia, the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and the Office of the Public Defender. Chairman, Administrative Law Task Force.

COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADVISORY COMMISSION ON EDUCATIONAL LAW REVISION (December 1975 to April 1976)

A Commission created by the Board of Education to define the relation-

ship between the Superintendent of the School Board and governmental agencies. Twenty-one members appointed by the Board of Education.

VICE CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT (December 1972 to June 1974)

City Council appointment. Thirty members from banking, business and private life.

COMMISSIONER, CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (NELSEN COMMISSION) (January 1972 to March 1972)

United States Senate appointment. Twelve members: Two United States Senators, two United States Congressmen, two White House officials and six persons from private life.

CONSULTANT, PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON CIVIL DISORDERS (September to December 1968)

Author of Commission papers on consumer protection and rural-urban migration.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Washingtonian Magazine - July 1978 - listed as one of the 100 most powerful people in the District due to activities through the academic community.

Certificate of Public Service - given by the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, for outstanding contributions - 1978.

D.C. City Council Resolution, 1970 - for outstanding service to the D.C. City Council.

Rockefeller Foundation Grant - to direct and instruct an urban studies seminar program for the District of Columbia Board of Education - Summer 1969.

Ford Foundation Stipend - for criminal law research while attending Georgetown Law Center - 1965.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Law Journals

American University Law Journal - Volume 24, Number 3, 1975 - "Bringing Democracy to the Nation's Last Colony: The District of Columbia Self-Government Act." (Co-authored)

Georgetown University Law Journal - Volume 59, Number 5, May 1971 - (Lead article) - "A Man in the Billion Dollar Wasteland" - Proposals for the National Linkage System; Poor Peoples' Bond, Federal Bonding Linkage Corporations, National Lottery and Judi-banks (Co-authored)

The Clearinghouse Review - Volume V, Number 9, January 1972 - "Poor Peoples' Ecology: A Call to Action" - A documentary indicating the poor are particularly adversely affected by all sources of pollution with legal as well as regulatory approaches to ameliorate this condition

2. Newspapers, Pamphlets, Magazines

The Washington Star - Comment Section, Sunday, November 5, 1978.
Taking the pro position in a debate on the proposed constitutional amendment to provide full voting rights and representation to the people of the District of Columbia.

Democratic Call to Action - February 1978 - (Lead article) - Survey of D.C. Council Committees' Priority Legislation Spring 1978
(Co-authored)

The District Lawyer - Fall issue 1976 - Feature article for the first issue of a new Bar Association publication, entitled "How D.C.'s Legislative Process Works"

The Washington Star - Comment Section, Sunday, January 18, 1976 - Article - "Can Home Rule in D.C. Pull Through?" - reviewing the first full year of home rule in the District of Columbia (Co-authored)

The Potomac Current, July 1974 - Newspaper column called "The New District," written on a regular basis concerning the new District of Columbia government

The Bulletin Board, April 1973 - "Revenue Sharing and the District of Columbia" - An analysis of the budgetary, programmatic and political effect of revenue sharing in the District of Columbia

The Washington Post - Outlook Section, Sunday, August 29, 1971 - (Lead article) - "Putting Money to Work" - proposals to help meet the credit needs of the poor. (Republished - The Congressional Record, September 20, 1971; The Clearinghouse Review, November 1971) (Co-authored)

Civil Rights Pamphlet - 1965 - Wrote and edited pamphlet entitled "Rights on Arrest in North Carolina." Published and distributed throughout the state by Law Students Civil Rights Council

3. D.C. Project Publications Prepared Under My Direction

Street Law: A Course in Practical Law, National Teacher's Text, high school edition (West Publishing Company, April 1975)

Street Law: A Course in Practical Law, National Student Text, high school edition (West Publishing Company, April 1975)

Street Law: A Course in Practical Law, Teacher's Text, D.C. edition (Published by D.C. Project, August 1975)

Street Law: A Course in Practical Law, Student Text, D.C. edition (West Publishing Company, 1974)

Street Law: A Course in the Law of Corrections, National Teacher's Text
(Published by West Publishing Company, 1976)

Street Law: A Course in the Law of Corrections, National Student Text
(Published by West Publishing Company, 1976)

Street Law: A Course in Practical Law for Correctional Institutions, D.C.
edition, Teacher's Text (Published by West Publishing Company, 1976)

Street Law: A Course in Practical Law for Correctional Institutions, D.C.
edition, Student Text (Published by West Publishing Company, 1976)

Street Law: The Ultimate Weapon, D.C. edition, a practical law course to
be used by students in junior high schools (Published by D.C. Project,
Spring 1975)

Juvenile Manual (Published by D.C. Project and Bar Association of the
District of Columbia)

Home Rule Booklet (Published by D.C. Project, 1974)

Human Rights Commission Practice Manual (Published by D.C. Project, 1974)

Police Complaint Practice Manual (Published by D.C. Project, 1975)

The District of Columbia: Its History, Its Government, Its People, text-
book for law students (Published by D.C. Project, 1975)

Rent Control: A Manual for Laypersons and Lawyers - a manual on the 1975
D.C. Rental Accommodations Act (Published by D.C. Project, 1975)

The District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles - a manual on the D.C.
Department of Motor Vehicles (Published by D.C. Project, 1975)

A Citizen's Guide to the District of Columbia City Council - a manual on
the District Council (Published by D.C. Project, 1975)

Advisory Neighborhood Commissions: Government of the People By the People
and For the People - a manual on D.C. citizen participation mechanisms
(Published by D.C. Project, 1975)

The District of Columbia Board of Appeals and Review - a manual on the D.C.
Board of Appeals and Review (Published by D.C. Project, 1975)

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

D.C. Treasurer - McGovern, Shriver, Fauntroy 1972 Presidential campaign.

Campaign Manager - Democratic primary candidate for New York City Comptroller,
1965

Manhattan East Side Coordinator - Mayoralty campaign of Congressman William F.
Ryan, D-New York, 1965

COMMUNITY, PROFESSIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES (Past and Present)

American Bar Association, Member, Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship

Unified Bar, Chairman, Legal Committee

Unified Bar, Chairman (Elected), Division Six, D.C. Affairs

National Legal Aid and Defender Association, Chairman, Clinical Committee

The American Jewish Committee, Member of Governing Board

Coordinator of 1973 local lobbying effort for the Home Rule Bill

Self-Determination for D.C., Member of Steering Committee, Counsel

D.C. Bicentennial Commission, Counsel

D.C. Citizens for Better Public Education, Member, Executive Board, Chairman, Legal Committee, First Vice President

WETA/TV Public Broadcasting, Member, Board of Directors (Elected)

D.C. Board of Trade, Citizen Member, Member of several task forces of Fiscal Affairs Division

Evaluator for the National Science Foundation concerning applications for scientific research relating to proposed national programs

Legal research for House District Committee on constitutionality of Home Rule and legal sufficiency of the Bill's various provisions

NATIONAL MEDIA AND OTHER COVERAGE

Boston Herald American, November 5, 1978

Update (ABA Magazine), Winter 1978

Sourcebook. The Magazine for Seniors, October 1978

Christian Science Monitor, September 1978

New Orleans States-Item, June 14, 1978

Philadelphia Inquirer, May 28, 1978

California Youth Authority (Newsletter), May 19, 1978

Washington Post, May 17, 1978

Davis (California) Enterprise, May 8, 1978

Washington Post, May 5, 1978

Daily Democrat (Davis, California), May 4, 1978

New York Times, May 2, 1978

Vacaville (California) Reporter, April 26, 1978

Rochester Times-Union, April 24, 1978

New York Daily News, April 16, 1978

Wall Street Journal, February 10, 1978

Chicago Daily Bulletin, January 31, 1978

The Alliance (Ohio) Review, November 18, 1977

San Francisco Examiner, November 16, 1977

Omaha World Herald, October 23, 1977

Chicago Sun Times, October 23, 1977

Sourcebook, The Magazine for Seniors, October 1977

Denver Post, September 4, 1977

New York Times, July 17, 1977

New Directions, March-April, 1977

ABA Student Lawyer, Spring 1977

Social Education, March 1977

Today's Education, NEA Journal, February 1977

Time Magazine, September 13, 1976

RFK Celebrity Tennis Tournament, ABC-TV, Forest Hills, New York,
September 5, 1976

Cleveland Plain Dealer, June 27, 1976

Washington Post, May 6, 1976

Clearinghouse Review, April 1976

Newsletter, National Center for Law and the Deaf, Spring 1976

The Black and Gold, Heights High School, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, February 27,
1976

NEA Journal, January 1976

Washington Star, May 2, 1975

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C
Government of the District of Columbia

Cathedral Heights

Cleveland Park

McLean Gardens

Woodley Park

August 18, 1979

Mr. David Splitt
Director, Office of Documents
District Building, Room 523
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Splitt:

This is in response to your request for information as to
Offices, Officers, Members and Meeting Dates of Advisory
Neighborhood Commission 3C. Herewith:

Offices: Located at 2737 Devonshire Place, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
Phone: 232-2232 Hours: Irregular (no paid
staff) but phone has secretarial service 24
hours/day.


Officers: Chairperson : Lindsley Williams
Vice Chairperson : Gary Kopff
Recording Secretary : Katherine Coram
Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Haugen
Treasurer : David Grinnell
Vice Treasurer : Bernie Arons

Members: Please see below; numbers correspond to Single Member
District designation (3C-01 Pitts, etc.)

Meetings: Regular Meetings: Usually 4th Monday of Month and
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We hope you find this information complete and helpful.

Sincerely,



Lindsley Williams, Chairperson

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ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C
Government of the District of Columbia

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August 18, 1979

Mr. David Splitt
Director, Office of Documents
District Building, Room 523
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Splitt:

This is in response to your request for information as to
Offices, Officers, Members and Meeting Dates of Advisory
Neighborhood Commission 3C. Herewith:

Offices: Located at 2737 Devonshire Place, NW
Washington, D.C. 20008
Phone: 232-2232 Hours: Irregular (no paid
staff) but phone has secretarial service 24
hours/day.

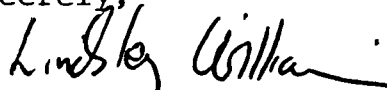
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N O T I C E

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3C will hold its October meeting on Monday, October 29 starting at 8 pm at the Second District Police Station located on Idaho Avenue, NW -- just behind the Giant Foodstore between Macomb and Newark Streets west of Wisconsin Avenue.

The agenda for the evening will include reports on several topics, and the Commission may take advisory stances on any or all of them. The topics may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Tregaron, court ordered sale and related matters
- Sheraton Park Hotel application for a variance in the matter of the size of parking spaces and their configuration.
- Sheraton Park Hotel and the petition of the Woodley Park Community Association for the Board of Zoning Adjustment to consider the legality of its present building permit and certificate(s) of occupancy as well as permits needed to continue re-construction.
- Sheraton Park Hotel -- renewal of liquor license
- Report of Zoning Commission actions, including
79-12 (BZA Hearing Process)
79-16 (Revision of Article 54)
- U.S. Navy at Observatory Circle, proposal for a curb cut for use in the evening rush hour.
- Committee reports as warranted.
- Discrimination against children in apartments.
- Citizens Planning Coalition
- Dept of Environmental Services; litter committee.
- DOT and campaign against drinking/driving.
- Mayor's Budget Request.

JOIN US IN THIS MEETING!

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NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING

WHERE: 2nd District Police Station

TIME: January 16, 1979 @ 8:00pm

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-C will convene in a special meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 1979, at 8:00pm in the Community Room of the Second District Police Station, Newark and Idaho Streets N.W.

PURPOSE: to consider the application of the Saudi Arabian Embassy to establish a chancery at 2929 Massachusetts Ave., NW.

The interested public is encouraged to attend.

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CITIZENS FOR FAIR ASSESSMENT
P.O. BOX 19250
Washington, D.C. 20036

August 10, 1979

Dear Activist:

You have gotten or are about to get your new tax bill, and the city will be up in arms again. You or your acquaintances are undoubtedly aware of the troubled performance of the D.C. Assessor's Office. Its history has proven to be one of inconsistent assessment standards, simple math mistakes leading to incorrect assessments, and a general tendency to especially underevaluate expensive properties.

While the D.C. law mandates fair and equitable assessments, these failures have led to a higher proportion of the property tax burden falling on owners of homes of moderate value, thereby giving a "tax break" to those who need it least.

In an effort to rectify this situation four D.C. organizations are in the process of forming a coalition of all organizations and individuals interested in working on the assessment issue. We hope such a coalition can address action on at least these four major goals:

1. The Assessor's Office publish and abide by a set of detailed guidelines which would clearly lay out which assessment method would be used for each type of property and insure that only that method is used. These guidelines would also include a process of citizen and community (class action) appeal, and require that evaluation notes be kept for each property (no such records are now kept).
2. An agency other than the Assessor's Office be assigned the task of reviewing the accuracy of the assessments (right now the Assessor's Office itself reviews and evaluates its own work). This would include a review of general community assessments and larger property assessments, as well as the usual statistical review (dispersion coefficients, etc.). The findings of this agency would be published and made part of the public record.
3. The public be informed of the assessment process by such methods as inclusion of a condensed "guidelines" with each assessment notice. These notices should also include important information, such as the fact that assessments are based on values two years prior to the current year. (The lack of this knowledge currently leads many homeowners to feel that they have a low assessment while, in fact, they are overassessed.)

4. The Director of the Assessor's Office, as well as his staff, be people who are geared to implementing the first three goals.

If these are goals which you or your organization feel are important enough to work with us on, we urge you to attend the first meeting. The tentative schedule includes--a review of the inequities which have come out of the Assessor's Office (including any from your own community); a review of the existing regulations which govern the Assessor; a discussion of the coalition's goals and priorities; a discussion of possible courses of action; and a consensus vote on which actions we will take (hopefully with a timetable and a breakdown of who can and is willing to do what).

We understand that many organizations will not be able to join such a coalition without a vote of their membership or Board of Directors, but we urge you to send a representative to the meeting. Any and all input will be welcome and we hope, given the nature of this issue, to get as broad a spectrum of representation as possible.

Because we expect to cover more ground than can be gone over in a single evening we have scheduled the meeting for a Saturday morning. It will be held on August 25 starting at 9:30 AM in Room 315 at Martin Luther King library, 901 G Street N.W., and is scheduled to end by 1:30 PM. This date was selected to give us enough lead time to prepare ourselves in planning session for a public (media invited) open session to take place soon after the 1980 tax bills are issued.

If we all stand together and work together we can turn this situation around. No one of us can do it alone, so please come.

Caesar L. Marshall, Jr.

Caesar L. Marshall
for East of the River Neighborhood
Reinvestment Association, Inc.

Donald W. Lief

Donald W. Lief
for Chevy Chase Citizens
Association

Carleen Joyce

Carleen Joyce
for Advisory Neighborhood
Commission 3B

L. Zapata

L. Zapata
for Common Cause/D.C.

NOTE: For more information, before or after the August 25 meeting, call 678-2266.

Anatomy of Assessments

by Frank Domurad

Assessor. The very word is enough to strike terror in the hearts of homeowners. He or she is like a sorcerer with an enchanted calculator, and the power to demand outrageous property taxes from innocent families and the aged.

Or, so it seems sometimes. And although this popular image of tax assessment is, of course, more myth than reality, the current state of the art *does* provide some cause for taxpayer alarm. In and of itself, the assessment of real property is a rather mechanical procedure — entailing identifying and describing properties, appraising or estimating their value, and then supplying this data to state and local officials responsible for setting the tax rate. Done properly it can be an effective means for equitably distributing the property tax burden. Done improperly, however, it becomes a powerful tool for unjustly shifting tax burdens and, in short, wreaking havoc with fiscal policy.

Above all else, real property assessments must be accurate and uniform. This means that they should conform to the legal standard (full market value, or a state-mandated percentage thereof), and that this standard should be applied uniformly within and among various property classes and taxing jurisdictions.

Unfortunately, this is not the case in most areas. According to figures from the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and the 1976 Census, conformance with state legal assessment standards is surprisingly low. In every one of the 37 states for which information was available, the average assessment to sales ratio (a property's assessed value expressed as a percentage of its fair market value), was less than 90% of the officially mandated standard. While Hawaii, Michigan, and Georgia had compliance levels of 80-89%, some fourteen other states had compliance levels of *below* 50%.

In New York, a state that was among the worst offenders, the 29% level of compliance with the 100% legal standard was so embarrassing that the Temporary State Commission on the Real Property Tax declared that "without question, the greatest problem with the present administration of the real property tax is the failure or inability to comply with *any* standards in determining a taxpayer's assessment."

Moreover, the average assessment/sales ratio tells only part of the story. Once the ratio is known for a given locality or type of property, it is possible to calculate how much certain assessments deviate from the norm — thus forcing some property owners to pay more than their fair share while others pay less. This measure of nonuniformity or average assessment error is commonly called the coefficient of dispersion. In effect, the higher the coefficient, the more likely it is that final distribution of the property tax burden is unfair.

Once again, local assessors score very few points for accuracy or fairness. A recent New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) investigation of residential property assessments

in Albany, New York, revealed that the coefficient of dispersion for homes there was over 60%. This figure contrasted sharply with the 10% coefficient considered *acceptable* for such property by the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment, whose responsibility it is to oversee assessment practices in the state. Moreover, a 60% dispersion ratio meant that a homeowner who should be paying, say, \$1,000 in property taxes stood just as good a chance of paying either \$400 (a 60% underassessment) or \$1,600 (a 60% overassessment).

The situation state-wide was no better. Using equalization figures which NYPIRG claimed were much too conservative, the Commission on the Real Property Tax observed that only thirteen of 991 cities and towns had coefficients of dispersion of 10% or less. More than two-thirds exceeded the 20% mark, while nearly one-third surpassed 30%. And as the size of the locality grew, so did the average assessment error. Of the thirty-four largest localities in the state, encompassing almost seventy percent of all residential parcels, only two could claim coefficients of dispersion amounting to less than 10%.

There are several reasons that such inequitable assessments come to flourish. Assessors, to begin with, are often badly trained, underpaid, and overworked. In 1978, for example, a probe by the New York Division of Equalization and Assessment revealed that one-half of the state's assessors received less than \$5,000 per year and that more than half had no education beyond high school. As for on-the-job training, the fact that about half the assessors in the state are elected officials dramatically increases the average turnover rate. By 1978, only about thirty percent of the state's assessors had served for more than ten years, while another third of them had been in office for less than three years.

On the other hand, a Georgia State Tax Reform Commission attributed a dramatic rise in assessment uniformity within counties over the last decade at least in part to improved standards for assessing officers. During that time the state government set minimal appraisal staff requirements on a county by county basis and required mandatory training and certification for all appraisers and assessors. The direct result was a startling decline from fifty-six to no counties exhibiting an average error of 33% or more.

A second factor often contributing to assessment error is outside political pressure. Since assessed value determines how much property tax a homeowner will ultimately pay, the assessor and his staff have traditionally been prey to all manner of corruption and demands for special favors. This has been the case especially in those urban regions where political machines have been strong, where assessments can be used as a means of strengthening popular support for the powers that be.

A typical example of the process can be seen in the so-called "welcome stranger tax," imposed when a new homeowner arrives in Albany,

New York. At that time the residential assessment is usually raised — a step which allows the local committeeman, an important cog in the city's political machine, to come to the distraught homeowner's rescue. Promising immediate relief, the committeeman assures the head of the household that the whole matter can be rectified merely by filing a grievance form, often left incomplete except for name and address. In a short period of time, the assessment is then lowered to its original level (which in Albany may be 60% inaccurate anyway!) and another grateful voter is indebted to the politicians.

Although such blatant political intrusions in the assessment process are apparently on the wane, another factor which accelerates assessment error and inequity is on the rise — namely the fractional assessment standard.

It is common knowledge among scholars, lawyers, and other tax experts that a legal assessment standard set at anything less than full market value provides endless opportunity for the assessor's office to conceal political favoritism, professional incompetency, and just plain laziness. Above all else, when the value does not correspond to what the home might fetch on the open market it makes it more difficult for the average homeowner to identify an incorrect assessment. In fact, if the residence is assessed at less than full market value (whatever the legal standard) the property owner can be led to believe he or she is getting a tax break and should simply keep quiet.

A recent New York court decision (*Hellerstein v. Assessor, Town of Islip*) confirmed the problem with fractional assessments. After ordering all local assessors to institute full value assessment as mandated by the state constitution, the court suggested that fractional assessment had contributed to the "incompetency, favoritism, chicanery and obscurity in the real property tax system." It went on to say that fractional assessments made the taxpayer's burden of contesting an unfair assessment in court "unreasonably difficult."

Ironically, court decisions like *Hellerstein* have not led to an improvement of the assessment system, but to the abandonment of full value standards. When the Arizona Supreme Court ruled in 1963 that the legislature should bring all assessments to full value as required by law, the politicians responded by establishing twenty-six property classifications with assessment levels ranging from 18% to 60% of full cash value. And in 1968 the Georgia general assembly lowered its legal standard from 100% to 40% after a court ruling ordered assessment uniformity between counties and the revenue commissioner equalized assessments at 40%. All told, only nineteen states currently require full value assessment, down from thirty-four in 1961.

But these are not the only problems besetting assessment practices. There is also inflation, which drives real estate prices skyward and tests the nerves of even the most conscientious assessor. Appraised property values that at one moment in time reflected fair market value may diverge wildly from the mark in the next. To make matters worse, price changes usually occur at differing rates from neighborhood to neighborhood with wealthier areas rising in value the most. Under these conditions, the failure to reassess property on an annual basis quietly shifts the tax burden from those homeowners who can best afford to pay to those who cannot.

A good case in point is Cook County, Illinois. There residential property is reassessed every fourth year. In the first year of the quadrennial cycle all neighborhoods correspond to the legal standard of 16% of full market value. But by year two, due to the failure to reassess, homes which have risen 15% in price show an effective assessment ratio of 13.9% of their newly inflated values, while those whose price has decreased by 5% (a not uncommon occurrence in deteriorating inner city areas even with inflation) are now actually assessed at 16.8%. By the fourth year, then, the respective ratios are 10.5% and 18.7%. Changing property values have thereby shifted the tax burden so that it bears down the hardest on the poorest neighborhoods.

A similar pattern has been observed by NYPIRG in Albany, New York. There it was the three poorest tax districts — inner city areas with large minority populations — that were the most overassessed. NYPIRG also noted that even outside these impoverished regions, the general trend was toward overassessing less expensive homes while simultaneously giving the owners of more expensive residences what amounted to an unwarranted property tax break. □

A glossary of terms

Full market value (also known as true or cash value): the highest price that a property will fetch in a competitive and open market.

Appraisal: the full market value set on a piece of property by the assessor; normally calculated for residential property by comparing it with recent sales for similar parcels.

Assessment: the value at which property is placed on the assessment role (assessed values may differ from appraised or market values due to fractional assessment laws, custom, or error).

Fractional assessment: an assessment that by law or by practice is less than full market value.

Classified assessment: (also known simply as classification) assessment of different types of property in a jurisdiction at different levels; three common classifications are residential, commercial, and industrial.

Assessment-sales ratio: the percentage relationship of assessed value to full market value for either a single property or a group of properties (a measurement of assessment accuracy).

Coefficient of dispersion: another measure of assessment accuracy, showing the average deviation of a group of assessment-sales ratios from the median or mean of the group.

Property tax rate: the rate at which assessed property value is taxed; usually expressed in terms of "mills" (dollars per \$1,000 of assessed value), or as a percentage.

Circuit breaker: relief based on a taxpayer's income; usually in the form of property or state income tax credits available when the taxpayer's property tax burden exceeds a certain percentage of his or her income.

Homestead exemption: the exemption of a certain portion of the assessed value of a residence from taxation.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FIRE DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20001

L.S.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
"FIRE CHIEF"



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AUG 21 1979

The District of Columbia Fire Department, in its continuing effort to prevent tragedies as opposed to responding to them, will conduct "Open House" in each of the Wards during Fire Prevention Week, October 7 thru October 13, for the education of the community in fire safety. I am notifying you so that you may contact the various groups and organizations in your particular area of concern of this informative and enlightening program.

The following topics and demonstrations will be conducted:

1. Fire safety lectures, slide presentations, and movies,
2. Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation demonstrations,
3. Smoke Detector information,
4. Exit Drills In The Home procedures,
5. Proper gasoline storage, and
6. Types and uses of fire extinguishers.

Please consider this notice as my personal invitation for you to attend on the day this program will be presented in your Ward.

A schedule of times and locations is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jefferson W. Lewis", is written over a rectangular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive. The stamp is rectangular and contains the text "Jefferson W. Lewis" and "Fire Chief" in a serif font, with the name on the top line and the title on the bottom line.

Jefferson W. Lewis
Fire Chief

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT
AGENDA OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 8, 1979

Ward 1 Engine Company No. 1 2225 M Street, N.W. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OCTOBER 8, 1979

Ward 3 Engine Company No. 28 3522 Connecticut Ave. N.W. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 9, 1979

Ward 5 Engine Company No. 26 1340 Rhode Island Ave. N.E. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 10, 1979

Ward 7 Engine Company No. 30 50 49th St. N.E. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 11, 1979

Ward 4 Engine Company No. 14 4801 North Capitol St. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 12, 1979

Ward 8 Engine Company No. 32 2425 Irving St. S.E. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

OCTOBER 13, 1979

Ward 2 Engine Company No. 2 500 F Street N.W. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OCTOBER 13, 1979

Ward 6 Engine Company No. 18 414 8th Street S.E. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

B.M.

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3-C

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MINUTES

August 27, 1979

1. The meeting was called to order, with Lindsley Williams presiding, at 8:05pm at the Second District Police Station.
2. The roll was called. Attending the meeting were Pitts (01), Haugen (02), Williams (04), Kopff (06), and Grinnell (10).
3. Commissioners present verified posting of notice; Williams indicated he had instructed Phil Mendelson to post notices in all Single Member Districts and had been told by Mendelson that this had been timely accomplished.
4. Minutes: The minutes of July 23 were approved as submitted.
5. Treasurer's Report: A copy of the report for the month of August is attached hereto. The opening balance of \$13,325.04 was augmented by \$1,000 "earmarked" contribution for the Mass. Ave. Heights "tot lot". Disbursements made totalled \$2888.15, being checks 326-333, leaving a closing balance of \$11,436.89 (checking \$3,413.49; savings \$8023.40). The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.
6. Resident concerns:
 - a. Three residents from Ashley Place, NW (later joined by others) spoke of concerns to restrict parking to one side of this narrow right-of-way; Tom Van Vechten, from the D. C. Department of Transportation was among those in the audience and he indicated his professional agreement with the need to restrict parking to a single side. Residents agreed that the parking ban should be to eliminate parking on the west side of Ashley Place (which is on a north-south alignment) and to allow parking to continue on the east side. The Commission, by resolution, voted to support this action.

Discussion continued on other parking problems in the area, limitations on "Residential Permit Parking," etc. However, no other actions were taken.
 - b. Chris Klose of Woodley Place, NW spoke of problems being faced in the Woodley Park community because of elms that were being stricken by dutch elm disease. He and others have formed a Woodley Park Elm Association, collected some \$700, and taken steps to preserve the nearly 50 remaining elms. The Association is, however, some \$300 short of

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what it needs to complete the purchases of chemicals. Klose asked for a grant of \$300. Klose had no written document on which the Commission could act that evening. However, he indicated such a document could be prepared and, based on this, the Commission, by resolution, voted to expend \$300 to assist the Association upon presentation of an appropriate letter.

7. Other business:

- a. Bob Stumberg of the Anne Blaine Harrison Institute for Public Law reviewed activities of the Intitute over the past year on behalf of ANC 3C. He went on to present a "Proposal for Legal Services to ANC 3C" (copy attached hereto). The Commission considered the request and, by resolution, decided to accept the proposal as submitted except to delete section "(I)(D) Policy Implementation for Individuals," and to allocate the sum of \$5000 to this effort for the period September 1979 through September 1980. Mr. Stumberg was directed to revise section (I)(D) for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Commission.
- b. The ANC has now passed D.C. Council muster on the acquisition of an Addressograph machine (by donation). To implement fully, the ANC needs to arrange for production of mailing plates (about 35¢ each). Following discussion, the Commission, by resolution, approved the following expenditures (maximum authorizations):

Mailing lists (Haines Directory	
plus Board of Elections)	\$100.00
Production of plates	3000.00
Post Office permits	100.00
Post Office deposit	50.00
	<u>\$3250.00</u>

- c. Zoning Items for Commission action:

- (i) Case 79-12 on Board of Zoning Adjustment Rules and possible elimination of mailing of notices to tenants within 200 feet of BZA cases: ANC 3C voted to oppose, suggest other ways of reducing burden on Zoning Secretariat. ANC 3C voted, too, to ask Harrison Institute to assist.
- (ii) Case 79-9 to establish a new intermediate Zoning District C-3-B between C-3-A and present C-3-B, changing latter to C-3-C: preamble to new proposed C-3-B indicates zone to be for areas (among others) "at rapid transit stops." ANC 3C voted to inform Zoning Commission of opposition to portion of proposed district relating to rapid transit stops and that existence of stop should not automatically lead to creation of C-3-B District.

(iii) Sheraton Park case: ANC 3C updated on situation there and possible need to seek help for Harrison Institute. Williams asked, and received, approval to brief Harrison Institute so that they might be "of counsel" -- but not directly involved with the case -- for the time being.

- d. Discrimination against children: Problems in area against persons seeking to rent housing if accompanied by children continue. Councilmember Dave Clarke introduced legislation to curtail, "Families with Children Equal Rights Act of 1979, (Bill 3-74). Hearing on this September 10 before Council committee. Williams asked that we support; Kopff asked if provisions were applicable to all landlords suggesting that there should be a waiver for smaller owners. Williams indicated Bill would amend D.C. Human Rights Act and indicated that, to his knowledge, that Act had no such limitation. Commission decided to seek interpretation of law from Harrison Institute prior to forming any position.
- e. Staffing of ANC 3C. Members present expressed surprise at speed with which minutes of July meeting were prepared and delivered. However, members present also expressed dismay at Phil Mendelson's "no show" for its August meeting and, despite unequivocal representations to the contrary made to the Chairman by Mendelson, failure to arrange for alternate support and minute taking. Commission, by consensus, asked that this dismay be publicized in these minutes, following, as it does, failure to accomplish other assigned tasks.

8. Next meeting. The date for the next meeting was set for September 10, 1979.

9. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted for
the Commission:



Lindsley Williams, Recorder
(Ad Hoc)

Approved, as Corrected:

Katherine V. Coram,
Recording Secretary

For the minutes -

TREASURER'S REPORT, ANC-3C

For Month of Dec, 1979

A. Opening Balances

1. Checking maintained at _____
2. Savings maintained at _____
3. Other maintained at _____

13,325.04
\$ 2801.64
\$ 10523.40
\$ _____

B. Revenues During Month

1. D.C. Government
2. Interest on savings
3. Other MASS AOR HEIGHTS 707207

\$ _____ 1000.00
\$ _____
\$ 1000.00

C. Disbursements Made

Total Disbursed

\$2888.15

Payee

Purpose

Amount

- 1.
- 2.
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(Additional details posted in Treasury Accounts Book and in Treasury Vouchers, both available for inspection by consulting with the Treasurer)

D. Closing Balances (A + B - C) = (D.1 + D.2)

1. Checking
2. Savings
3. Other

11,436.89
\$ 3413.49
\$ 8023.40
\$ _____

Respectfully submitted by

David Grinnell
David Grinnell, Treasurer

Gary J. Kopff, Vice-Treasurer

Date



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D C

AUG 14 1979

Reply To

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Special Assistant to
The Director



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Sincerely yours,

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Special Assistant to
The Director

ANC 3C

Meets: 4th Mon. at Second District Police Station
 Office: 2737 Devonshire Pl. Room 1 20008
 Phone: 232-2232
 Hours:
 Staff:

Gen. Sec'y	3C01	Fred Pitts	2636 Woodley Place	20008	462-8739	656-2200 488-0685
Cor. Sec'y	3C02	Ruth Haugen	2800 Woodley Road	20008	232-1468	
Vice Pres.	3C03	Bernard S. Arons	2827 27th St.	20008	462-2055	574-7638
Vice Chair	3C04	Lindsley Williams	2704 Courtland Place	20008	234-4884	443-3175
Rec. Sec'y	3C05	Katherine Coram	3831 Rodman St.	20016	966-1794	927-6410
Chair	3C06	Kay C. McGrath	3312 Rowland Place	20008	966-1933	244-2372
Vice Chair	3C07	Gary Kopff	2939 Newark St.	20008	363-0073	393-6820
	3C08					
	3C09	Louis Rothschild	4000 Massachusetts Ave.	20016	966-6898	223-4333
Treasurer	3C10	David Grinnell	2603 36th Place	20007	333-8685	232-2232
		<i>Hugh Allen</i>	<i>3834 Windom Place</i>	<i>20016</i>	<i>244-8311</i>	<i>255-6326</i>

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ANC 3D

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Meets: 2nd Thurs.; place rotates
 Office: 5201 Sherier Pl. 20016
 Phone: 244-5448
 Hours:
 Staff:

Cor. Sec'y	3D01	Bertha Greenebaum	4201 Cathedral Ave.	20016	966-7222	
Vice Chair	3D02	Robert Richerer	4629 Rockwood Pkwy.	20016	362-9797	
Treasurer	3D03	John Gill	4907 Tilden St.	20016	363-4114	338-5000
	3D04					
Chair	3D05	Joel Garner	5201 Sherier Pl.	20016	966-6706	376-3941
	3D06					
Rec. Sec'y	3D07	Barbara Fant	3210 45th St.	20016	244-1647	

ANC 3E

Meets: 2nd Thurs. except July, Aug., & Dec.; places rotated
 Office: 4025 Chesapeake St. 20016
 Phone: 244-0800
 Hours: 10:00-2:00pm Mon-Fri. except Wed.
 Staff: Sylvia Josif & Beth Thomas

	3E01	Jack Mower	4436 48th St.	20016	362-4244	351-5435
Vice Chair	3E02	Carol Currie Gidley	4700 47th St.	20016	244-1379	254-8040
Secretary	3E03	Lorraine Middleton	4617 43rd St.	20016	362-4617	659-2330
Chair	3E04	Ginny Spevak	4110 Military Rd.	20015	686-0342	
Treasurer	3E05	Bobbie Blok	4201 Massachusetts Ave.	20016	244-7793	724-8020

ANC 3F

Meets: 4th Mon.
 Office: 2955 Upton St. Room B101 20008
 Phone: 362-6120
 Hours: 9:30-11:30am Mon-Fri.
 Staff: Ann White, Executive Secretary

	3F01	Joseph Coyle	2719 Ordway St.	20008	966-2472	577-2472
Treasurer	3F02	Pat Belcher	2935 Tilden St.	20008	244-7220	
	3F03	Jacob Kolker	2939 Van Ness St.	20008	362-1579	
Secretary	3F04	Janice Carmichael	2840 Chesapeake St.	20008	686-0058	
	3F05	Cielle Block	4807 30th St.	20008	362-4548	635-5819
	3F06	Marta Axford	4850 Conn. Ave. #1115	20008	244-7430	331-5514
Vice Chair	3F07	William Bartlett	3575 Appleton St.	20008	363-7366	331-6040
Chair	3F08	Ruth Dixon	3715 Upton St.	20016	244-0291	785-2616

ANC 3G

Meets: 2nd Thurs., usually at the Chevy Chase Community Center
 Office: P.O. Box 6252 zip 20015 OR 5540 Conn. Ave. 20015
 Phone: 686-0965
 Hours: 10:30-12:30pm Mon-Fri..
 Staff: Peggy McGrath, Executive Secretary

	3G01	Eliza E. Callas	7080 Oregon Ave.	20015	537-1085	
Vice Chair	3G02	Leslie A. Palmer	6237 30th St.	20015	362-4824	625-4324
	3G03	Gail R. Carlson	2936 McKinley St.	20015	686-8840	
Treasurer	3G04	James J. Butera	3347 Quesada St.	20015	686-5516	785-8144
	3G05	Bernice Dogler	5700 Chevy Chase Pkwy.	20015	362-9196	
	3G06	Bruce Waxman	3607 Logation St.	20015	362-6719	727-1822
Secretary	3G07	Clinton B.D. Brown	3801 Kanawha St.	20015	363-2066	
Chair	3G08	Karl F. Mautner	3717 Huntington St.	20015	363-7711	