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Mr. Douglas Jemal
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Dear Mr. Jemal:

I live at 1129 Kalmia Road, NW. Your development, Jemal's Gateway D.C and the parking lot that serves it, is immediately adjacent to not only my home, but also the homes of four of my neighbors. We all live in the 1100 block of Kalmia Road, and I think that we all agree that Douglas Development Corporation has not been a good neighbor.

This has been especially true in the last two years. It has been within the last two years that most of the spaces in your Gateway development have been leased. With that has come the constant presence of traffic, dumpsters, trash, garbage and the attendant odors. This was especially true last summer, when the sight and the smell of the garbage had become untenable. Up to that point, we simply accepted the fact that we lived alongside a commercial property, and understood that there would be some inconvenience. However, the Spring and Summer of 2000 proved to be too much for reasonable people to bear.

It was during this time that the number of dumpsters placed on the parking lot increased from two to seven (in plain view as you enter Kalmia Road from Georgia Avenue). The dumpsters were constantly overflowing; spoiled or spoiling food, food containers, cardboard boxes, general refuse always surrounding the dumpsters and scattered in the parking lot, onto Kalmia, and into our front yards. Also, for the first time in the nearly eight years that I have lived on Kalmia Road, I saw rodents running around in the parking lot. After literally months of complaints to your office, the dumpsters were finally moved, and your representative, Ms. Jean White, agreed that they would be emptied more frequently.

However, moving the dumpsters to their new location in the rear of the parking lot, has caused new problems.

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The dumpsters are now located immediately behind my home and my next door neighbor's home. I have also complained about this to Ms. White many times. I do not want the dumpsters located behind my home. The odor that comes from them makes it sometimes unbearable to be in my backyard. Additionally, rodents remain a problem. This is a real health issue.

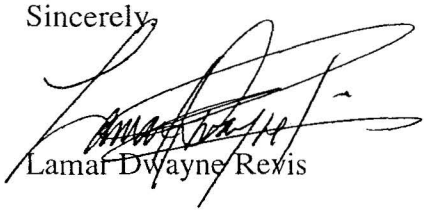
I want the dumpsters moved to the area of the parking lot that is adjacent to the public alley. This location makes much more sense in that it is as far away as is possible from my home and the homes of my neighbors.

Mr. Jemal, I do not think it unreasonable to ask that you ensure that your property is clean, attractive, and well kept. It seems to me that you and your tenants should want this property to be viewed as an inviting place for people to shop and to encourage others to do the same. As it stands now, it is not inviting in the least. As a matter of fact if things do not improve, I will make every effort to discourage everyone I know from patronizing the business people locate there. With one exception (the realty office which has adopted the small public space containing the "Welcome to Washington" sign), they seem to care little for the neighborhood. There is no reason that you and they cannot ensure that the parking lot and the areas in front of the these businesses that border main thoroughfares (Eastern Avenue, Georgia Avenue) and a residential street (Kalmia Road) are not clean by the end of the business day.

I must add one additional thing. In addition to the trash dumpsters in the rear of my house, there is now a dumpster for construction materials. In the last two weeks, I have picked up from my backyard, drywall, metal sheathing, fluorescent light bulbs, and other items that obviously were thrown toward the dumpster by your construction workers, and landed in my backyard. I am tired of this. I am tired of the unresponsiveness of your office, and the carelessness of your tenants.

I would greatly appreciate your quick response.

Sincerely,



Lamar Dwayne Revis

CC: ANC Representative
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