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RE: Comments on housing scandal in Anacostia

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Mr. Semler,

Thanks for the questions. I'll ask them too of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development. Frankly, I was unaware of the circumstances about the property,

but I want answers too.

Hoping to be back in touch with you soon,

Anita Bonds

From: pksemler@gmail.com [mailto:pksemler@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** peter semler**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 8:01 AM**To:** Bonds, Anita (Council)**Cc:** KMORGAN@wdcep.com; Rodgers, Art (OP); Fuller, Greta J. (SMD 8A06); Muhammad, Holly (SMD 8A01); Prestwood, Troy (SMD 8A04); troy@baeo.org**Subject:** Comments on housing scandal in Anacostia

Dear Council Member Bonds,

I writing you for comment regarding the scandal over the development of a abandoned property on [1500 Good Hope Road](#) in Anacostia. We just updated a story we initially published in 2014.

[CI VIEW: Anacostia transforming DC's East of the River from slum to East Coast Fintech hub UPDATE](#)

During a previous interview, you said you opposed this type of development.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gCDLR_SDV8

My questions are:

Why did the Council not take any action on the property that has been abandoned for decades and for over seven years by the owners, SIM Development?

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.19572
EXHIBIT NO.99

Why the Council not identify the real beneficial owners of the property?

Why did the DC Office of Planning even allow the developers to seek a variance to put an additional two stories on the building knowing it would harm the view of the city from the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site?

The majority of the residents in the area want to see more businesses in the MLK/Good Hope area.

In fact, the building in question should be used as part of burgeoning Financial and IT corridor that is growing in the area thanks to Homeland Security, Microsoft and General Dynamics.

Please feel free to call me anytime at [202-549-3399](tel:202-549-3399) or more color and background.

I wish you and your family a great holiday season,

Peter Semler

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