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Code 3 Security & Protection Services
635 Edgewood Street, NE
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To Whom It May Concern:

On June 14, 2016, ONE DC and other tenant organizers, acting on behalf of the Brookland Manor Tenant Association, distributed flyers to tenants and to the doors of tenants at Brookland Manor Apartments to notify the tenants of an upcoming event for the tenants of the property. These flyers notified tenants on the property of the whereabouts and logistics for the event. While the tenant organizers were distributing these flyers, the private security officers on the property approached the tenant organizers and accused the organizers of loitering and littering and threatened to arrest them if they refused to leave the property. The tenant organizers did not loiter or litter on the property at any time.

On Thursday August 9, 2016, ONE DC and other tenant organizers, acting on behalf of the Brookland Manor Tenant Association, were at Brookland Manor distributing informational flyers to tenants and on tenants' doors and speaking to tenants about their rights concerning a broad array of issues happening at the property. The private security officers who were working on the Brookland Manor property questioned tenant organizers about their presence at Brookland Manor Apartments and followed tenant organizers as they walked into the apartment buildings and spoke to residents.

On Thursday August 11, 2016, ONE DC and other tenant organizers, acting on behalf of the Brookland Manor Tenant Association, were at Brookland Manor distributing informational flyers to tenants and on tenants' doors and speaking to tenants about their rights concerning a broad array of issues happening at the property again. After being on the property for about an hour, private security officers from Code 3 Security & Protection Services approached the tenant organizers and accused them of trespassing on the property and told them that the property owner of the property instructed them not to allow organizers onto the property. When the organizers informed the private security officers that DC law permits tenant organizers on the property, the private security officers still refused to allow the organizers access to the property. Specifically, Lieutenant Spriggs of Code 3 Security & Protection Services told the organizers to get off of Brookland Manor property and that Mid-City Financial has the right to refuse tenant organizers access to the property and that the tenant organizers will be subject to arrest if they step foot on Brookland Manor property.

As you may know, DC Law recognizes the rights of Brookland Manor tenants to organize and also prohibits Mid-City Financial and Edgewood Management Corporation and their agents from interfering with and violating the rights of tenants and tenant organizers to organize tenants at Brookland Manor Apartments. Federal HUD regulations also acknowledge the rights of Brookland Manor tenants and tenant organizers to organize on the property.

Therefore, the Brookland Manor Tenant Association and volunteer tenant organizers from ONE DC, the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, and other organizations will continue to organize tenants at Brookland Manor Apartments as permitted by law. As we continue our efforts to organize the tenants at Brookland Manor Apartments, we ask that Mid-City Financial, Edgewood Management Corporation, and the agents for either company, including Code 3 Security & Protection Services, stop all efforts to interfere with and violate the rights of tenants and tenant organizers which are acknowledged and protected under DC Law and the federal regulations.

Sincerely,



Minnie Elliot
President, Brookland Manor Tenant Association



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