

September 11, 2001

Alderman Michael D'Amato, Chair
Judiciary and Legislation Committee
Office of the City Clerk,
Room 205, City Hall

Attention: Kathleen Marquardt

Re: File No. 0100686
735 North 34th Street

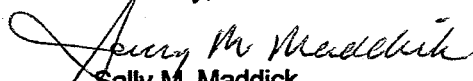
Dear Alderman D'Amato:

West End has been informed that the prior owner of 735 No. 34th Street has applied for a Vacation of In Rem Judgement. Based on the seriousness and amount of problems experienced by residents in this block stemming from this property, West End opposes return of this property to Mr. Fons.

Working with residents, we are aware that this property has been the site of prolific drug dealing, on-going loitering all over the block by large numbers of young people who often sit on neighboring properties. The loiterers have included known gang members. The litter left on a near daily basis, both in the public ways and on private properties, has been a vexing problem. The garbage carts are always at the curbside, often serving as perches for those loitering about and involved in the nuisance and drug activity. The physical condition of the property from the curbside view is unsightly. Sheets are haphazardly hung from the windows, worn furniture is strewn in the front yard. Gun shots had been a frequent occurrence, resulting in one of the involved males being shot in the street several weeks ago. Several residents have experienced damage to their vehicles and property.

This owner has demonstrated a total disregard to this neighborhood by lax rental practices and failure to provide any management of this property. West End Development Corporation asks the Committee to deny the request of Mr. Fons.

Sincerely,


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