

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

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**Resolution on the Zoning Administrator
July 11, 2007**

Whereas, the Zoning Administrator is responsible for interpretation and enforcement of Title 11, the Zoning Regulations; review of building permits; and, issuance of Certificates-of Occupancy, and

Whereas, to be effective, the Zoning Administrator must have a thorough knowledge of the zoning regulations, the ability to accurately interpret the Zoning Code and a demonstrated competence and fairness in balancing the competing interests of the development community and residents; and

Whereas the Zoning Administrator must be a person with a reputation for good judgment, honesty and integrity in dealings with interested parties; and

Whereas, the Zoning Administrator must be an individual with a demonstrated willingness and ability to engage both the residential and development communities; and, ensure there is consistency in the interpretation of the zoning regulations; and

Whereas, the Office of the Zoning Administrator has, experienced over the years severe staff shortages; and, had begun to institute measures/policies to overcome the historic and systemic dysfunction at the District Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA);

Therefore, be it Resolved, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D (ANC 3D) commends Bill Crews for his work over the last 21 months as the D.C. Zoning Administrator and especially for bringing transparency and a new sense of integrity to the position; and, for effectively balancing the interests of the developers and residents with fairness, honesty, good judgment and competence; and

Be it further Resolved, ANC 3D expresses its profound disappointment and regret with the decision by DCRA Interim Director Linda Argo to suspend Mr. Crews for nondisciplinary reasons effectively terminating his service as Zoning Administrator despite a record of extraordinary service; and

Be it further Resolved, ANC 3D calls on Ms. Argo to reinstate Mr. Crews; or, in the alternative, to appoint a new Zoning Administrator who possesses the same integrity, values, good judgment and high standards demonstrated by Mr. Crews; and, who is prepared to work closely with the ANCs, citizens associations, and other neighborhood groups to ensure that the zoning regulations are enforced uniformly and fairly.


Chairman

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