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Mayor Walter Washington
The District Building
14th and E Streets NW
Washington DC

Dear Mayor Washington:

Congratulations on your inauguration as the Home Rule Mayor. We look forward to the most cordial and productive relations with your administration in a city where, as you have proven, all citizens can communicate with their municipal chief executive.

I have waited to write you until we had concrete products of our recent meeting to discuss. Since we conferred on November 21 the following developments have taken place:

1. Open gays on the Human Rights Commission. I am meeting with Martin Schaller and Dr. Felices this week to discuss the list of nominees we submitted to you last November. It is a major political priority of Washington's gay community to obtain representation on this commission.

2. Public funding for gay community services. David Aiken of the Washington Area Gay Community Council is working with Albert Russo of the Department of Human Resources to explore possibilities of federal funding in this area. Meanwhile, a GAA task force is joining with members of the City Council to develop a minimal proposal for city funding of the long-established gay VD clinic.

3. Appointment of Dr. Franklin Kameny to DC Law Revision Commission. Dr. Kameny's assets are too valuable to bypass. We would be very grateful for your positive action in this matter.

4. Ending plainclothes police entrapment of gay men. A GAA task force headed by Joe Stewart, Esq., has worked with Dr. Kameny to prepare a comprehensive memorandum of the kind you requested on this problem. Much careful research into

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recent DC police records and court proceedings has produced clear documentation of the ugly treatment homosexuals regularly receive from the MPD Morals Division. We will make specific proposals for an executive order to rectify this situation. You will receive the memorandum shortly.

5. Better relations between the gay community and the Chief of Police. Now that the new Chief has been appointed, we trust that the meeting you suggested between GAA and the Chief can be arranged quickly. We hope you will choose to attend this meeting. In the meantime we have asked Chief Cullinane to include gay representation on his newly announced citizen advisory board (a copy of our letter to him is attached).

Again our thanks, Mr. Mayor, for your time, thought and consideration in your meeting with our organization on November 21. We anticipate much good work in its spirit.

Sincerely,



Cade Ware
President

Enclosures