

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 3B
GLOVER PARK AND CATHEDRAL HEIGHTS



April 6, 2017

TO: Members of the Committee on Business and Economic Development,
RE: Letter from ANC3B in Support of Continued
Funding for Clean Team Programs

The Glover Park neighborhood is extremely grateful for the award of a Clean Team grant to Changing Perceptions for cleaning and maintenance in our commercial district. The Clean Team started work earlier this year and now we don't know what we would do without them.

The Glover Park commercial district extends for four long blocks along Wisconsin Avenue and is not large enough to support a business association, which could be responsible for upkeep of the commercial area. We also have a robust late-night scene, so that every morning the sidewalks along Wisconsin Avenue would be littered with trash and cigarette butts. It is a pleasure now to go out for coffee or a bagel in the early morning and see no litter at all. Wind-blown litter escaping from trashcans and dumpsters at the rear of many of our businesses, along the top of 37th Street, had been a constant blight on the neighborhood – but no longer, thanks to the Clean Team.

Our sidewalks were redone only a few years ago, but soon were covered with ugly, black gum spots. The Clean Team is slowly scraping off all the gum. Sporadic graffiti is gone as fast as it appears. Tree boxes are free of litter and weeds.

And best of all, even though we had a mild winter this year, the one big snow gave the Clean Team a chance to be especially useful. When businesses don't open due to snow, or open late, or only have one employee on duty, their sidewalks often don't get shoveled as fast as is needed for pedestrian access and safety. An entire stretch of Wisconsin Avenue bordering on Guy Mason park is rarely shoveled. After the snow this year, however, because the Clean Team was out there with their shovels, all the neglected sidewalks were clear of snow and ice.

Changing Perceptions has been particularly available and responsive to the neighborhood. It is a partnership we value and one that we sincerely hope will continue. We therefore request that the budget for the Department of Small and Local Business Development for FY2018 be sufficiently funded so that Glover Park, as well as other neighborhoods, can continue to benefit from the Clean Team program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Blumenthal".

Jackie Blumenthal
Chairman, ANC3B

For the Commission, as approved at a duly noticed meeting on April 6, 2017, at which a quorum was present.

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