



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C
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November 4, 2022

Ernest Chrappah
Acting Director
D.C. Department of Buildings
1100 4th Street, SW,
Washington, DC 20024
Sent by attachment to email to dob@dc.gov

RE: Resolution on the blighted building at 2920 Ontario Rd NW

Dear Acting Director Chrappah:

At a duly noticed public meeting held on 11/2/2022, with a quorum present, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 1C passed the attached resolution on the blighted building at 2920 Ontario Rd NW, by a vote of 6-0-0.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Fiona Clem", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Fiona Clem
Chairperson, ANC 1C

cc: Hon. Phil Mendelson, Chairperson of the Council of the District of Columbia, pmendelson@dccouncil.us
Hon. Brianne K. Nadeau, Ward 1 Councilmember, bnadeau@dccouncil.us
Hon. Elissa Silverman, At-Large Councilmember, esilverman@dccouncil.us
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Commissioners: Howard Bauleke, 1C01; Vacant, 1C02; Peter Wood, 1C03; Meghan Faulkner, 1C04; Deb Felsenthal, 1C05; Ben Butz, 1C05; Jake Faleschini, 1C07; Fiona Clem, 1C08



Resolution on the blighted building at 2920 Ontario Rd NW

WHEREAS 2920 Ontario Rd NW has been vacant and blighted for more than a decade;

WHEREAS 2920 Ontario poses a health and safety hazard to the neighborhood, with unsecured construction material on the roof, apparent unsecured access to the building, erosion, and illegal dumping;

WHEREAS a storm in July 2021 resulted in heavy construction materials forcefully blowing into 1820 Clydesdale PI NW and jeopardizing resident safety and building integrity;

WHEREAS repeated inspections by DCRA (now the Department of Buildings) have resulted in findings of violations but no remediation of the property's condition;

WHEREAS Adams Morgan and the District in general face a shortage of affordable housing;
Therefore, be it

RESOLVED ANC 1C urges the Department of Buildings, the DC Council, and Mayor Muriel Bowser to take action to immediately remediate the condition of 2920 Ontario Rd.

RESOLVED ANC 1C urges Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to consider using legal remedies, including eminent domain, to return the building to a safe condition and productive public use, such as for affordable housing.

RESOLVED ANC 1C urges Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to both enforce current regulations and consider developing more effective regulatory responses to long-term vacant and blighted buildings, including higher fines or tax rates, in order to prevent persistent issues like 2920 Ontario Rd.