

Citizens For Community Action

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Commissioner Al Sanchez
Streets and Sanitation
121 N. LaSalle - Room 700
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Dear Commissioner Sanchez:

On September 22, 2000 Mr. Wayne A. Strnad had written a letter and faxed it to your office. It was a letter addressed to Mayor Daley. You were faxed a copy because it directly refers to Streets and Sanitation.

On October 4, 2000 the Department of Streets and Sanitation sent a ticket to Mr. Strnad, DSS-232-309. This ticket was issued despite the fact that there was a service request order called in to 311 the day before (00-01261476). This, we were told, was an unnecessary step but was used as a precaution by Mr. Strnad because of previous intimidation tactics used by Carothers and the Ward Superintendent. Case in point happened September of last year when Mr. Strnad was picketing at the corner of Fullerton and Central Avenues. Carothers personally called the 25th District Police Commander Walton to have Mr. Strnad arrested. He was told by Commander Walton that the man picketing on the corner was not in violation of any laws. Carothers then tried to contact Congressman Davis' office - to no avail. He then proceeded to use the Building Department of the City of Chicago, in violation of the Shackman Decree, to perform an illegal inspection of the property at 2308 N. Monitor. This is reciprocity at its best.

A few days after the September 22, 2000 incident Mr. Strnad noted red/pink markers at the boundaries of the property - one was incorrectly marked. He also noted that similar markers were placed in the alley on a property that's owned by a former precinct captain - Stella Nicpon. There were no other property line markers in that alley.

Across the street lives another lady who has recently become active in the community by attending CAP meetings. Her property has also been marked. We see two common threads and they are: the people identified have spoken out for this community, contrary to Carothers policy, and secondly, they are all of the caucasian race.

Because of the events that have transpired to date, we hereby request, via the Freedom of Information Act, the following information be sent to our office:

1. A complete explanation of what the property line markings, done by Streets and Sanitation, is intended to accomplish.
2. A complete list of all the tickets issued during the month of September, 2000, in the 29th Ward. This should include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a). The ticket number,
 - b). Who was in violation,
 - c). The address,
 - d). The coordinators name that issued the ticket,
 - e). The date of the hearing,
 - f). The location of the hearing,
 - g). All other information that appears on the ticket.

We prefer to have it on computer diskette if possible.

Finally, we do expect a reply to Mr. Strnad's letter that was faxed on September 22, 2000.

Sincerely,

Victor Guzman
Community Affairs Division