

# Citizens for Community Action, Inc.

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**Al Sanchez, Commissioner**

**Department of Streets and Sanitation**

121 North LaSalle Street  
Room 700  
Chicago, Illinois 60602  
Inspector General

Dear Commissioner Sanchez,

Apparently you were given the message we left on Oct. 18, 2001 relating to violations of 1st Amendment Constitutional Rights and have since informed various people regarding the same.

It has been brought to our attention that Street and Sans workers are being told not to accept any information that we are freely distributing. This is paramount to black listing. For your general information, such parochial practice was outlawed years ago.

Now maybe you are not aware of the above and it was done at the indiscretion of Mr. Tommie Johnson and/or James Kelly so we'll assume that you don't want to infringe on the federal constitutional rights of all Americans whether or not they are workers of Streets and San and further irrespective of any contract that exists between the City of Chicago and local unions, and merely mention that any person of their own volition can accept any documentation or literature they so desire and is free to make that choice without the directions and/or mandate of any ward superintendent, district superintendent or yourself. In other words, any administrator telling a laborer not to accept literature can be construed as violating that laborer's constitutional rights and may be grounds for a class action suit. We'll further assume that corrective measures shall be taken and the federal constitutional rights of laborers shall be respected.

Sincerely,

W. A. Strnad  
Director

CC: Mayor Daley  
Inspector General Vroustouris