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To Whom It May Concern:

On the reverse side of the NOTICE OF VIOLATION form it states "A response is required for all listed violations prior to the PAY OR CONTEST BY DATES on the front of this notice." I could not find any such date as stated in this very first sentence. I called 312-744-PARK to ask where I could find the date and the gentleman told me that I have 14 days to reply. When I asked him where it says that I have 14 days, he said, "It doesn't say it, nor does it show a date." 14 days ended on July 30, 2003. He suggested that I go to one of the facilities and seek a hearing.

I went to the office at 400 W. Superior to do as this gentleman had suggested. I did not bring a copy of the paperwork I received because I thought the information should be online; after all, the Department of Revenue generated the letter. Much to my amazement there was no information available. The lady who looked up the information on your computer system, Cynthia Andrews, tried several variations of my name and even tried to look at other databases to see if the tickets were online. Nothing, except a ticket received back in 1995, appeared.

So, I am going to assume that these tickets are somewhere online and do hereby submit the following:

This letter is in response to three tickets that were issued to one Wayne Strand, numbered 0041944605, 0041944606 and 0041945700.

Regarding the first two numbered tickets:  
According to the grounds for contesting a violation:

**Item 3: The signs regulating parking were missing or obscured.**

Please view attached photographs showing no posting of any signs stating that parking is not allowed in the area that is asphalted and indeed utilized by a multitude of patrons that frequent the restaurant.

**Item 4: The facts alleged on the violation contain inconsistent or inaccurate information, or the facts fail to establish that the violation occurred.**

First, according to the Cook County Assessor's Office, there is no address marked 5554 W. Wellington. Please see attached search of addresses as provided per the Assessor's Office.

Second, please see a multitude of photographs that illustrate the parking area in question is

considered by everyone, including police officers, as legitimate parking.

Third, a multitude of calls were made to 911 to have vehicles that parked in the exact spot I parked. Police car 2541 was sent out but did not ticket any of the vehicles, thus there must be some confusion within the 25th District as to the legality of parking on that space or a discriminatory practice on behalf of the Chicago Police Department. Some might even consider this as retaliation because of our activities.

It is interesting to note that during this issuance of tickets I had an informational picket at the south end of the Bricktown Mall exposing the CAPS program within the 25th District Police Department. The commander, McCotter, has refused to respond favorably to my Freedom of Information Act request and we are awaiting a response from Mayor Daley and Superintendent Hillard regarding our appeal.

#### **Regarding ticket 0041945700.**

**This ticket was issued while I was parked on private property owned by the restaurant.** See the attached photograph along with the sticker that is attached to the plate. Affidavits can be provided and/or the personal appearance of several patrons who frequent the restaurant can be attained, stating the car was indeed parked on private property when this ticket was written.

#### **Item 4: The facts alleged on the violation contain inconsistent or inaccurate information, or the facts fail to establish that the violation occurred.**

According to the Cook County Assessor's Office, there is no address marked 5556 W. Wellington.

Please find attached a copy of the information that came with the plates - it's titled the **APPLICATION FOR VEHICLE TITLE AND REGISTRATION**. I purchased a new car and had to pick up the plates from the car dealer - Larry Roesch Chevrolet.

Please find attached a photo of the plate with the attached sticker.

It should be noted that during this period I was circulating a petition which will soon be handed to the Superintendent of Police. Also, on the very same day I was issued this ticket, I sat in front of the 25th District Police Station on Grand Avenue and counted 217 cars that passed the front door of the Police Station that did not have any front license plates. This does not count those cars that entered the restricted area that did not have front license plates, presumably owned by Chicago Police officers. This data was accumulated over a 1 hour period.

As a final point of information the last parking ticket I received for any violation whatsoever was ticket 00013794784, issued March 19, 1995, more than 8 years earlier. I find it extremely interesting that between July 2 and July 23 I received three tickets. Needless to say that because of my activities in trying to get services for my community I have been targeted by the Chicago Police Department - 25th District - Commander McCotter and Sgt. Schultz. McCotter has called my organization a group of xenophobics (published in the Lerner Times Newspaper). Schultz has intimidated one of our lady members who attends CAPS meetings religiously. She asks for accountability of the 25th District.

Commander McCotter has denied our Freedom of Information Act request pertaining to the "Rules for CAPS," as discussed in our newsletter - see enclosed copy. Furthermore, he has denied our request via the Freedom of Information Act, to release information pertaining to the monies controlled by the District Advisory Council (DAC) or the District Steering Committee (DSC). All this information is public information.

This has been exposed in our most recent newsletter which may be of interest for a brief background of what's going on and potentially why the CPD is now harassing me. Harassment charges are now being formally composed.

I hope you find the enclosed rather enlightening. You can view other items by visiting [www.CitizensForCommunityAction.org](http://www.CitizensForCommunityAction.org)

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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Director  
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cc: Other interested parties

Attachments enclosed:

1 document from Cook County Assessors Office

6 pages of photos showing defense

3 copies of original tickets

1 copy of APPLICATION FOR VEHICLE TITLE AND REGISTRATION

20 page newsletter for background

26 page newsletter exposing 25th District and CPD coverup

**These photos show that there are NO markings whatsoever that say there is NO PARKING. Note where the curb ends. There is no curb by the space I parked. That space appears to be part of the restaurant parking area.**



**Hundreds of cars use this parking space every month, including police cars.**



**None of these cars were ticketed either.**



**This is one of the many cars that park in the same space but did not get ticketed. 911 was called and a patrol car - 2541 - was sent out. No ticket was issued.**



**This set of photos shows that even police officers believe this is a legal parking space. Each of these police cars is assigned to a different beat.**







The photo to the left shows the front plate affixed to Wayne's car. Since July 2, the date Wayne received two tickets, the 25th District Police Department has missed more than 6000 cars that pass through the district that do not have front license plates.

More than 300 cars were not issued tickets for various parking violations during a 2 day period.



On July 23, 2003 Wayne received a third ticket. It was the same day he counted 217 cars without front license plates that passed right in front of the 25th District Police Department. Note that his car is on private property. The ticket should not have been issued in the first place. Nobody from the restaurant called the police department to report anything.

Affidavits can be provided and/or personal appearances can be arranged to testify that Wayne's car was indeed on private property the day the ticket was issued.



# ***COOK COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE***

## ***Property Search Results***



Property Index Number	Address	Class Code	Neighborhood	Assessed Value	City	Pass	View Image
<a href="#">13-28-108-041-0000</a>	5542 W Wellington Ave		<a href="#">2-11</a>	<a href="#">240</a>	29,370 Chicago		<a href="#">Board Certified (2002)</a>
<a href="#">13-29-215-019-0000</a>	5614 W Wellington Ave		<a href="#">2-11</a>	<a href="#">240</a>	30,692 Chicago		<a href="#">Board Certified (2002)</a>

According to a property search of all the properties located on the 5500 to 5600 block of west Wellington, there are no properties that exist at the addresses described on any of the tickets issued.