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March 26, 1997

John D. Hicks
Commissioner
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7-B
3200 S street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20020

Re: Mayan Advisory Neighborhood Commission
newsletter carry paid advertising?

Dear Commissioner Hicks:

This is in response to your March 13, 1997 letter to Interim Corporation Counsel Jo Anne Robinson in which you seek the advice of this Officer concerning whether an Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) may publish business advertisements in its quarterly newsletter.

The subject of whether an ANC may carry paid advertising in its newsletter was addressed by this Office in a letter, dated February 22, 1994, to Russell Gamble, the Chairperson of ANC 2-B. The conclusion reached in that letter, a copy of which is enclosed, is that ANCs may not carry paid advertising in their newsletters unless specifically authorized to do so by legislation enacted by the Council of the District of Columbia. Since, the Council has enacted no such legislation, the conclusion reached in that letter still applies.

sincerely,

Jo Anne Robinson
Interim Corporation Counsel

By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leo N. Gorman".

Leo N. Gorman
Assistant Corporation Counsel
Office of Legal Counsel

Enclosure