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May 31, 1991

Mr. Louis Zapata  
Commissioner  
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6-C  
2041 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20020

Re: Adjustment of ANC boundaries

Dear Commissioner Zapata:

This is in reply to your May 7, 1991 letter to Leo Gorman of this Office concerning the impending redrawing of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) single-member district and Commission area boundaries.

You ask whether, when the Council of the District of Columbia enacts legislation establishing new single member district and Commission area boundaries, the new boundaries will be effective immediately or will be effective at the time of the next ANC general election in 1992.

Section 4 of the Advisory Neighborhood Councils Act of 1975, as amended, D.C. Code § 1-254 (1987), provides in pertinent part:

...Each single-member district shall have a population of approximately 2,000 people, and shall be as nearly equal as possible....

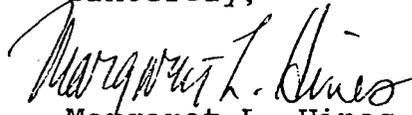
The Council shall, by act after public hearing by the Council's Committee of the Whole, make such adjustments in the boundaries of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission single-member districts and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission areas as are necessary as a result of population shifts and changes.... Any adjustments made less than 180 days prior to a regularly scheduled election shall not be effective for that election.

Thus, with the exception of a boundary adjustment within 180 days of a regularly scheduled ANC election, when the Council adjusts

ANC boundaries. those adjustments apply to the next regularly scheduled election of ANC Commissioners.

You also ask a number of hypothetical questions concerning the effect of the redrawing of ANC boundaries on such matters as ANC office equipment, savings accounts, and files. This Office lacks the resources to render considered legal advice on questions to which an answer would not affect the conduct of the parties to any existing dispute. If and when disputes actually arise concerning such questions, you may request this Office to address them.

Sincerely,



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Virgil Thompson