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On May 24, 2022, I notified the Board of Elections and the OANC that my ANC Commissioner, Holly Muhammad had relocated from her residence located at 1936 Naylor Road Unit 102. At that time Ms. Muhammad had not yet notified either entity of her relocation. Upon making this public, Ms. Muhammad updated her address as a PO Box to the OANC and changed her voter registration to 1915 Minnesota Avenue Southeast. I know this only because I had initially declared my candidacy and had collected signatures. As a result, I obtained a voters list that shows Ms. Muhammad's updated physical address. Upon further review of district resources, I found out that that address is owned by fellow ANC8A friend and commissioner Barbra Clark.

I received a letter from Terri Stroud outlining the regulations concerning the proper course of action when there is an allegation that a vacancy might be present. She mentioned that at the time "there is no evidence presented that undermined or negated Ms. Muhammad's assertion in her voter registration" Today I present you with evidence that Ms. Muhammad indeed does not reside at the address she claimed she did. On January 9[,] 2023, I filed a civil action against Ms. Muhammad for Libel & Slander

Commissioner Muhammad has filed responses to a recall petition stating I was a racist that I hate women and that I hate Muslims She has repeated these claims on a restricted ANC meeting where I was given no ability to respond due to the virtual meetings a community members ability to even participate is extremely limited. To this day Ms. Muhammad has never supported her accusations.

As a result of my filing this claim, I accompanied members of the MPD who attempted three different times to serve Ms. Muhammad at the address she claims on the last known voter registration located at 1915 Minnesota Avenue, a property owned by a friend and fellow commissioner Barbra Clark. With no luck, I hired a process server with ABC Legal and had two different processors make attempts. The last and final attempt was made Tuesday evening during our ANC Meeting during that time the processor informed me that at 7:31 pm (30 minutes into our ANC Meeting) there was no answer, I even informed Ms. Muhammad of the server's attempt during the meeting. With each failed attempt the processor left notes some included things like...

- 1/19/2023 5:29 PM: There was no answer at the address. I spoke with a neighbor who doesn't recognize name. neighbors advised did not want to get involved others have been asking too many questions
- 1/20/2023 5:05 PM: There was no answer at the address. I spoke with a neighbor who says not resident and a neighbor who doesn't recognize name. checked all entrance to property no access spoke with neighbors on the front of apartment building advised people goes in and out like an office at different times of the day. Suppose to be some type of city business.
- 1/22/202310:08 AM: There was no answer at the address. Spoke with neighbor leaving 1913. Advised No one actually live at resident. most receive mail or conduct business. Would not give any names or descriptions of persons.

Ten attempts have been made in delivering the civil complaint to Ms. Muhammad all these attempts including three attempts by MPD have failed. Seven other attempts by a private and professional process server have been made including during our last ANC Meeting in February and all attempts have failed.

I am attaching three affidavits which has been filed in Superior Court (2023 CAB 000111) as evidence that Ms. Muhammad does not live at 1915 Minnesota Avenue SE. As a result, I insist this Commission follow the law and petition the ANC8A Board as dictated below and declare a vacancy.

1301 PETITION BY ANC FOR DECLARATION OF VACANCY

1301.1 If a Commissioner fails to reside in the Single-Member District from which the Commissioner is elected and the Commissioner does not submit a letter of resignation, the affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission shall petition the Board by a resolution, signed by the Chairperson and secretary, to declare a vacancy. Consideration of the resolution shall meet all of the requirements as prescribed in D.C. Official Code § 1-309.06 (f)(2).

This ANC has refused to acknowledge my concerns regarding Ms. Muhammad using the address of fellow ANC Commissioner Barbra Clark's address as her own. It is my belief based on the process servers comments that Ms. Muhammad does not live at this address and this ANC must act on it by declaring a vacancy. In my opinion this ANC has done a great disservice to this ANC by ignoring this and other matters surrounding Ms. Muhammad.

I respectfully submit and request this ANC take action.

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