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Public Interest Division

June 21, 2019

Jason A. Yurasek
General Counsel
Craigslist, Inc.
1381 9th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122

Dear Mr. Yurasek:

The Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (OAG) has learned that there have been several rental properties advertised on Craigslist in the District that state that the poster does not accept rental payments through Section 8 or housing choice vouchers. Attached are a few of the advertisements that have been brought to our attention.

The District of Columbia Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on an individual's source of income, including the use of Section 8 vouchers. D.C. Official Code § 2-1402.21(a), (e). Refusing to accept Section 8 vouchers as a rental payment is a facial violation of the statute, as is posting an advertisement stating that a landlord does not accept vouchers.

Ensuring that voucher recipients have access to high-quality housing throughout the District is a significant priority for OAG. We would thus like to set up a call or meeting to discuss how Craigslist can help ensure that advertisements that violate the prohibition on source-of-income discrimination either do not appear on your platform or are quickly removed. We are aware of your efforts to ensure that Craigslist posters comply with fair housing laws (as described, for example, at https://www.craigslist.org/about/fair_housing_update). We are interested in ensuring that these protections extend to voucher recipients, in addition to the classes protected by the federal Fair Housing Act.

Please contact Assistant Attorney General Vikram Swaruup at vikram.swaruup@dc.gov or at (202) 724-6533 to set up a call or meeting or if you have any questions relating to this request.

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to working with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

KARL A. RACINE
Attorney General

By: *Toni Michelle Jackson*
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Deputy Attorney General

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**\$2600 / 3br - 1400ft² - 3bed 2bath on doorstep of Arboretum
(2208 S St NE)**

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3BR / 2Ba 1400ft² available now

house
laundry in bldg
street parking

Lovely 3 bed 2 bath detached bungalow with great back yard on the doorstep of the quiet Arboretum neighborhood. The attic has been converted to a master bedroom with lots of closet space. Hardwood floors were recently refinished. You're a 2 minute walk to the Arboretum, 4min drive to Mom's, Planet Fitness all in upcoming Ivy City. Union market is a 5 min drive and Whole Foods is about 8mins. Bus stop 1 min from the house is the B2. Credit score must be 600 or above. NOT SECTION 8 APPROVED

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\$1050 / 400ft² - Studio Rental - Furnished Brookland/Woodridge (2504 Irving St NE)

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Irving Street NE at South Dakota Avenue

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OBR / 1Ba 400ft² available now

furnished
apartment
w/d in unit

Renovated studio rental available immediately. Central AC and Heat, Private Entrance, Washer and Dryer. Free WiFi

Take a look at you tube video. <https://youtu.be/qeFboC19OMo>

No Pets.

No Vouchers

Criminal Background Check Required

Street Parking Only.

Rent \$1050.00 Per month (Includes Utilities) - 12 Month Lease Furnished

3 Month Lease Furnished \$3800.00

Unfurnished 12 Month Lease \$950.00 Per Month

Rent \$1,250.00 Per Month 3 Month Lease Short Term

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**\$3300 / 3br - 3 Bedroom House in Petworth (utilities inc.)
(3920 New Hampshire Ave, NW)**

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3920 New Hampshire Ave, NW

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3BR / 1.5Ba

house
laundry in bldg
no smoking
street parking

- .3 mi (2 min walk) from Georgia Ave- Petworth Station (green/yellow line)
- All utilities + Internet and Satellite included!
- 2 min walk to Safeway and CVS and Yes Organic Market
- 5-minute walk to cool Petworth bars/restaurants
- 15-minute walk to downtown Columbia Heights (Target, Marshalls, Bed Bath and Beyond, DSW, LA Fitness)
- Ideal for person who doesn't want to drive anywhere!

- Great landlords who are very accessible
- Location is right on New Hampshire Ave, so you have the safety of being on a street that is lit up all night

Unfurnished. Pets on a case-by-case basis with \$300 non-refundable deposit. Vouchers are not accepted.

Application Fee: ALL residents must submit application, and be able to pass a credit (650 min/background check (fee is \$50/adult). Available July 1st.

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\$1400 / 1br - 667ft² - 1 Bedroom Apartment across the street from Congress Heights Metro! (Congress Heights)

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Alabama Ave SE at 13th Street SE

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1BR / 1Ba 667ft² available aug 2

flat
laundry on site
off-street parking

KEY FEATURES

Sq Footage: 667 sq ft.
Bedrooms: 1 Bedroom
Bathrooms: 1 Bath
Lease Duration: 1 Year
Application Process: \$15 credit check and application
Security Deposit: \$1400
Pets Policy: NO PETS

Laundry: Washer/Dryer
Property Type: Flat
Parking: Off Street for One Vehicle (backyard driveway)
Furniture: Couch
Available: August 2, 2019

DESCRIPTION

This unit is conveniently located across the street from the Congress Heights metro on the green line, with a 15 minute transit time to Chinatown. The area is the site for significant redevelopment efforts this year, to include a major retail center and a training venue for the Mystics and Wizards, and is within walking distance to major bus routes and a Giant grocery store.

The unit was renovated in 2016, with a new driveway that accommodates one car for this unit; new granite counter tops, sink, garbage disposal and dishwasher in the kitchen; refinished hardwood floors; freshly painted walls; a skylight; all new windows and window treatment; a new stackable touch washer/dryer; and a monitored alarm system included in the rent. This unit is currently tenant occupied, but will be available for move-in by August 2 (which is strongly preferred). It has 667 square feet, rents for \$1400.00 per month (excluding utilities), is located on the 2nd floor of a two-unit dwelling, and is filled with tons of light by day. One month's rent will be required for a security deposit (\$1400).

Please feel free to call or email with any questions, or to set up a visit after work hours and/or on weekends to view the unit. Please let me know what time works best for you and I'll do my best to accommodate your schedule. Also, please note that vouchers are not accepted.

ADDITIONAL RENTAL FEATURES

Living room
Gas Range / Oven
Refrigerator
Dishwasher
Garbage Disposal
Central A/C and Gas Heat
Cable-ready
Hardwood Floors
Granite Counter Tops
New Windows and Window Treatment

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