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Capitol Towers – Garden Apartments
City Council Meetings – September 25, 2001
Talking Points for Presentation

1. We live at Capitol Towers – Garden Apartments between N and P and 6th and 7th Streets. There are about 80 units still occupied. We have been notified that we must vacate the property by November 12 or else our new management of about two (2) months will take us to court/proceed with evictions.
2. We need your help. Capitol Towers – Trinity Property Consultants with Lance Belyea, Regional Vice President and Property Manager is trying to get rid of us. [letter]
3. We are trying to work with management. We have shared positive and constructive ways to help improve the complex. [one pager]
4. Specifically, you, the City Administration, can help the Garden Apartment Tenants with our community efforts with the following:
 - we are trying to put together a weekday evening concert and candle light service for right after work in our community in the immediate future, hopefully next week
 - **the focus of the concert will be to raise money for our senior citizens, disabled and low income Garden Tenants who cannot afford to move out, who do not have first and last month and security deposits for where might move to let alone the increased rents, so they do not become homeless/be tossed out onto the streets**
(it is also timely to continue to “pass the boot” for the families with lost ones from September 11 - the local fire station is willing to help, and to help those already homeless in the community through contributions to the Salvation Army efforts)
 - we need your help in getting the necessary permits, with free on-street parking in the concert area from 2 PM on so people can get set-up and come to event without feeding meters, with the selection of community religious leaders for candle light service, and however else you can help make this positive community event happen
5. We have another tenant community meeting scheduled for this Saturday, September 29 at 9 AM at the rooftop gardens on N Street, between 7th and 8th – please come.
6. We need your help and want your input into possibilities that we, as a community might do...to help those who need our help so desperately –

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Evening City Council Meeting
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1. We want to put a face on our Tenants at Capitol Towers – Garden Apartments... we are poor and rich, young and old, of a variety of occupations, ethnicities and cultures. The new “kids” on the block have been here five years compared with the 10, 20 and 30+ years of some. Some have children and some have pets. Some see with their eyes and some see with their hearts. We get along together as a cohesive community. We are unique. We are citizens in good standing.
2. When the community was not inviting, the old time tenants made it a safe, open and desirable community. They should be a part of the harvest, of the good times. We want to continue to be thankful to be part of this great community.
3. The tenants pay their taxes, use the public transportation, are energy efficient and environmentally oriented, and support the local businesses – such as the restaurants, Plaza/K Street Mall, and local charities. Their dogs help keep crime down in the surrounding area and their cats earn their weight in gold keeping the rat and mice population down. We respect each other, support each other and help each other.
4. We now need your help in order to help some of the tenants not become homeless. Any suggestions?