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Press Release

"People for Change Coalition to host Emergency Press Conference to Rally Support and Justice for Ray and Renee Raysor"

Prince George's County, MARYLAND Monday, October 28, 2013: The People for Change Coalition (PFC Coalition) will host an emergency press conference to rally support and justice for the family of a blind man with a seeing-eye dog and wife (both who are seniors), abruptly evicted from their home of 45 years.

The event will take place on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 1:00pm in front of Motel 6, 75 Hampton Park Blvd, Capitol Heights, MD.

Mr. Raysor, his wife Renee, and dog Rayteeko, while still devastated, are staying in a Motel, and want their home back!

They were in court on October 7 and according to them, evicted over non-payment of \$600 in late fees on October 22 from their home in Village Green, Landover, MD. We are calling for an investigation as to how the management company, <u>Jeffrey Charles</u> <u>and Associates</u> was able to fast track the eviction process which normally takes anywhere from 3-4 months.

We will bring attention to the fact that the County must do a better job in providing resources to people with disabilities.

Mr. Raysor, because he is blind with a seeing eye dog, did not have any options for emergency housing and shelter.

We will also address that many of the residents in the Village Green community are seniors on a fixed income and are being hit with huge increases in condo and co-op fees.

Confirmed speakers include, Sandy Pruitt, Executive Director of the People for Change Coalition, where Ray and Renee Raysor are members, Delegate Aisha Braveboy, who is Chair of the Maryland Black Caucus, Michelle Clark, President, National Harbor Chapter (PGC) of the National Federation of the Blind, Ruth Wright, Community Activist for Homeowners, and other concerned residents from the Village Green Community.

The <u>PFC Coalition</u> is one of the largest and fastest growing nonprofit membership organizations in Prince George's County with over 270 members. Formed in 2011, our mission is to develop the capacity of nonprofit and minority businesses by providing assessment, support and expansion services. We also serve as a collective voice for this sector.

Our vision is to improve the quality of life in our communities thru our nonprofits and minority businesses.

Contributions for the Raysor family can be dropped off at PFCC offices, located on 9500 Arena Drive, Suite 420, Largo, MD.

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