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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 21, 2011, informing the City that the Gay Liberation Network (GLN) plans to conduct a demonstration on February 13, 2011, on the sidewalk in front of Holy Name Cathedral at 735 North State Street. You state that this demonstration will not obstruct the flow of pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk and will not obstruct ingress to and egress from Holy Name Cathedral.

You inquired whether the City intends to enforce Section 8-4-010(j) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, which provides:

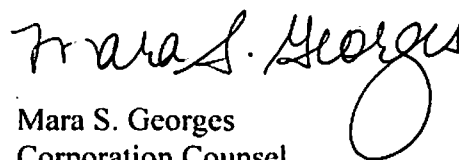
A person commits disorderly conduct when he knowingly:

. . . (j) Pickets or demonstrates on a public way within 150 feet of any church, temple, synagogue or other place of worship while services are being conducted and one-half hour before services are to be conducted and one-half hour after services have been concluded, provided that this subsection does not prohibit the peaceful picketing of any church, temple, synagogue or other place of worship involved in a labor dispute.

The City does not intend to enforce this aforementioned ordinance at this time. However, please be aware that other provisions of the Municipal Code that govern the conduct of activities on the public way may apply to the conduct of your planned demonstration.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Mara S. Georges  
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cc: Debra Kirby, General Counsel, Chicago Police Department

