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On the back of this sheet are two pictures of housing in the 900 block of North 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Richmond's George Mason community. The top picture shows rent subsidized red brick apartments mainly housing senior citizens on the East side of 26<sup>th</sup> Street. Beyond the apartments is a row of townhouses built as affordable housing at least twenty years ago. There are other rows of identical townhouses in the 1300 block of 27<sup>th</sup> Street and the 1200 block of 30<sup>th</sup> Street. The bottom picture shows private homes on the West side of 26<sup>th</sup> Street built approximately five years ago to absorb the massive East End Gentrification rush. The apartments and Townhouses are on the Black people side of the block and the private homes are on the White people side of the block. A White couple and mixed race couple at each end of the West side houses recently moved out.

The large number of Black senior citizen ladies in the apartments most likely will be liquidated within a year. Each of the units' rent will increase \$200 (Two Hundred Dollars) per month in the not too distant future. This increase follows at least a fifty years old pattern of pricing or taxing the Black people out of their neighborhood. An ancient row of brick apartments is located in the 2500 block of "O" Street to the Southwest of these two photographed housing units. The owner/developer of the Brick Row was featured in a large Richmond Times Dispatch Business Section article in early 2015. Shown posted on a sign was a condominium price of \$285,000 per unit for what appears to be no more than 700 (seven hundred) square feet condominiums. The eastern most condominium at 26<sup>th</sup> and "O" Streets, a rear expanded storefront has been the only completed unit.

It appears the majority senior citizen, low income Black people gathering in the 900 block through 1100 block of 25<sup>th</sup> Street are deterrents to the rapid pace development and Gentrification of our community. The plan to completely eradicate Black people from our East End plateau is most evident when you view the physical condition of the rent subsidized George Mason Square Apartments in the 900 Block between 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Streets. The owners of the Ashley Oaks Apartments (formerly Woodcroft Village Apartments) in Fulton own or did own George Mason Square Apartments when President Barrack Obama created an energy saving program for these older complexes. The upgrades were mainly cosmetic exterior, window improvements, and landscaping.

The old Woodcroft Village owners cosmetically improved that huge complex but ignored George Mason Square Apartments. The smaller complex is surrounded by a very nice brick homes development mainly occupied my middle income Black senior citizens. It appears our Gentrification handlers are doing all they can to humiliate and provoke the Black brick homeowners to complain about the George Mason Square Apartments' physical condition until they get rid of their low income Black neighbors. Many of these "Millennials" are being recruited for the jobs market from states like Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Indiana. They are more uncomfortable around Black people then our native more cosmopolitan White citizens and are terrified of the targeted young Black men

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