

Statement from the office of Alderman Rey Colon

Our office has requested from Dept. of Buildings to address multiple safety structural concerns at 2618 N. Milwaukee Ave. We have also reported, installation without permits of a rooftop billboard.

In reference to banners; our campaign - like most local campaigns, consist of volunteers. Our volunteer campaign visibility team consist of energetic and creative young leaders. Most volunteers are not aware of the city of Chicago codes and restrictions. Once the campaign management realized a banner had been placed on the wall of 2618 N. Milwaukee Ave., we explained to the volunteers; the city code does not allow banners or bill boards in that area; therefore, the sign would need to be removed.

In addition, we established a procedure for location approval on banners prior to installation. Considering the weather that week, the visibility committee arranged for immediate removal of the banner. I remember during that time we had a fierce snowstorm with strong winds. That year the media said it was one of the largest storms on record. Those kids weathered the storm and took the banner down. It was a "cold" way to learn about city code.