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**June 3, 2016**

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## **The Ward 5 Report**

Dear Resident,

We are days away from the Capital Pride Parade on Saturday, June 11. My team is getting pumped up and you should too! Our office has participated in the Pride Parade for several years and it always proves to be a fun event. We would love to have you walk with us in the parade this year to show your Ward 5 Pride. There will be plenty of beads to toss, music, and a good time to be had by all. Although the parade starts at 4:30 pm – if you are interested in walking with our team, please arrive to the staging area by 2:00 pm located at 23rd and N Street NW.

The Capital Pride Parade attracts over 150,000 spectators from across the country annually and features exciting performances from amazing artists that bring so much energy to the stage. From the colorful beads which are a fan favorite, to the amazing acts – this is certainly an event that you do not want to miss!

Please contact my office at (202) 724-8028 to sign up or you may register [here](#).

We look forward to having you join us.

In Service,

Kenyan

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## **Legislative & Committee Updates**

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## Comprehensive Juvenile Justice Reform Moves Forward

On June 2, 2016 Councilmember McDuffie held a hearing on his bill, the [Comprehensive Youth Justice Amendment Act of 2016](#) on April 5, 2016. The omnibus legislation makes sweeping reforms to the District of Columbia's juvenile justice system.

The bill received overwhelming support with over 60 witnesses testifying in support of it. The Comprehensive Youth Justice Amendment Act, which was crafted after months of collaboration with numerous experts and advocates in the field, identifies reforms that prioritize rehabilitation and humane conditions of confinement for our youth. The bill would restrict the use of solitary confinement and shackles, end the use of mandatory minimums and life without parole for juveniles, and set a baseline of ten years old for the minimum age of commitment to the District's juvenile justice agency. The legislation would transfer all children under the age of 18 out of adult correctional facilities and it would widen the path to legal residency for young immigrants who have suffered abuse and neglect in their countries of origin. The legislation also requires the District government to analyze the underlying causes of crime for youth in custody and track their success until age 24. Finally, the bill would establish a victim-offender mediation program, expand data sharing, and improve accountability for youth serving agencies.

Earlier this week, Councilmember McDuffie was pleased to receive a [letter of support](#) for the bill signed by 56 organizations – including youth service organizations, juvenile justice advocates, representatives from academia, and the faith community.

The Committee on the Judiciary will now work to incorporate some of the recommendations received at the hearing before the Committee takes the measure up for a vote.

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### **D.C. Council Unanimously Passes Improved Plan for Closing D.C. General**



*On, Friday, May 27, over 150 people attended Councilmember McDuffie's town hall meeting on the proposed Ward 5 temporary homeless shelter*

At the May 31, 2016 Legislative Meeting, Councilmember McDuffie was pleased to join all of his colleagues on the Council in supporting a revised plan to close D.C. General. The Council's plan will allow D.C. General to close in 2018 and to be replaced by smaller, safer shelters. The revised plan will also save \$165 million by purchasing shelters instead of leasing them and will improve the location of several shelters.

Importantly, the Council's proposal removed the 2266 25th Place location from consideration as the Ward 5 shelter site. As Councilmember McDuffie has noted since the site was first proposed, that location would have placed homeless children in an industrial zone in close proximity to a trash transfer station, a strip club, night clubs, a medical marijuana facility, and bus depots. Moreover, the 25th Place location was reviewed by health experts and advocates and found to be completely unsuitable for the families that would have been placed there.

In place of the 25th Place site, the Council proposal authorizes the Mayor to utilize 1700 Rhode Island Ave, NE, the former MPD Youth Division building as the Ward 5 D.C. General replacement shelter. This location was initially proposed by Ward 5 residents in a series of community meetings in the Ward and was discussed at the approximately 13 hour long [March 17, 2016 homeless shelter hearing](#). Homeless families at the Rhode Island Avenue location will benefit from the substantial investments that Councilmember McDuffie has targeted for the Rhode Island Avenue corridor since taking office, including the newly re-built Woodridge Library, the Main Street designation, the new G9 bus route, and the forthcoming streetscape project.

Councilmember McDuffie hosted a productive community meeting to discuss the use of the Rhode Island Avenue location for a shelter on Friday, May 27. The Administration has committed to working with the Council to ensure that the facility is a success and to ensure that its neighbors are engaged and informed.

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## Kenyan in the Community

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On Tuesday, May 31, 2016, Councilmember McDuffie joined the senior community of North Capitol at Plymouth for BINGO! Councilmember led the first game which resulted in three lucky winners. He then led a second round. Overall, everyone was a winner as they all received prizes for participation.

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## Community Bulletin Board

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**JOIN COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. MCDUFFIE  
ANNUAL CAPITAL PRIDE PARADE**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday, June 11, 2016**  
Please RSVP: [Ldougherty@dccouncil.us](mailto:Ldougherty@dccouncil.us) or (202) 724-8028

**Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys Third Public Meeting  
in Ward 5 - Wednesday, June 29**

**Save the Date!**  
... for the Newly Established Commission on Fathers, Men,  
and Boys Third Public Meeting ...  
Join UDC, OSSE, and community stakeholders  
discuss barriers to training and employment

**Wednesday, June 29, 2016 • 6 pm**  
Wheatley Education Campus  
1299 Neal Street, NE



Please join the Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys on **Wednesday, June 29** for their third public meeting in **Ward 5** at **Wheatley Education Campus** located at **1299 Neal Street NE** at **6 pm**. The UDC Workforce Development and OSSE's Reengagement Center will present on some of the barriers

to post-secondary education/training and provide guidance on securing gainful employment in today's competing job market.

For more information, please contact Tony Dugger, Executive Director at [tony.dugger@dc.gov](mailto:tony.dugger@dc.gov) or Ajan Brown, Program Analyst at [ajan.brown@dc.gov](mailto:ajan.brown@dc.gov).

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