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**May 20, 2016**

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## **The Ward 5 Report**

Dear Resident,

On Tuesday, May 17, the D.C. Council took its first vote on the Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) Budget. I am pleased to announce significant wins in the FY17 budget for the Ward 5 community. One of the most noteworthy investments made in Ward 5 is the Council's proposal to close the W Street Trash Transfer Station in the Brentwood community and locate the District's Archives facility at the site. Since taking office, I have fought tirelessly to address this quality of life issue for residents who suffer from noxious fumes, vermin, dust and trash as a result of this decades old nuisance property. This is a win-win for residents who have protested in support of shutting down the W Street Transfer Station and advocates who have supported a new facility for the District's Archives.

I also want to thank the residents who have supported closing D.C. General yet voiced their concerns regarding the initial proposed location for the Ward 5 temporary shelter. From day one, we stood together to express that we could not support a site that was not conducive to family living or safe and dignified housing. The Council took its first vote to approve and fund a new plan with two alternate locations – the former Metropolitan Police Department Youth Division Building located on Rhode Island Avenue, and the Penn Center located at 326 R. Street NE.

This new proposal manages to save the District \$165 million when compared to the leases initially proposed, as the District will use District owned properties or will purchase the new sites outright.

In Service,

Kenyan

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## Legislative & Committee Updates

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### DC Council's FY17 Budget Delivers Wins for Ward 5

On Tuesday, May 17, the Council took its first vote on the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. Importantly, the Council's budget delivers significant investment in Ward 5 and maintains Councilmember McDuffie's pledge to return funds to several public safety programs such as restoring the more than \$5 million in cuts to social and legal services for victims of crime, including domestic violence, sexual assault victims and abused and neglected children.

#### ***W Street Trash Transfer Station***

The Council's proposed FY 17 budget will locate the District's Archives facility at the current location of the W Street Trash Transfer Station.

The Council's budget invests a total of \$77.5 million in the Archives project and similar to Councilmember's previous efforts once again authorizes the Mayor to acquire the property by eminent domain.

#### ***New G9 Bus Route***

Another important investment made by the Council is the \$1.04 million in funding for a new G9 Bus Route. Travelling from downtown to the neighborhoods and businesses along Rhode Island Avenue has long been a challenge. As residents, WMATA and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) have noted, there exists a gap in bus service between the entrance to the Rhode Island Avenue Metrorail station and 4th Street NE. This gap means current riders east of the Rhode Island Avenue station are not able to take a single-seat transit ride into downtown Washington.

The proposed G9 bus line will service Rhode Island Avenue from 14th Street, NW to just beyond the District's border at Eastern Ave, NE, thereby filling that gap and alleviating congestion on the G8 and other bus lines that offer partial service to the Rhode Island Avenue, NE corridor. Additionally, a G9 line will allow public transit users easy access to the many retail businesses and restaurants that are opening along Rhode Island Avenue, one of the District's Main Streets. Finally, there is the potential that a G9 line may alleviate some of the traffic on Rhode Island Avenue by providing residents with a new direct option to reach downtown.

#### ***Edgewood Recreation Center Expansion***

Edgewood Recreation Center, another project championed by Councilmember McDuffie also saw increased funding. In 2014 the Council advanced the Edgewood Recreation Center project from Fiscal Year 2019 to Fiscal Year 2015. At the initial community meetings the Department of General Services presented proposals for the new facility, but indicated that additional funding would be needed if the residents wanted a gymnasium. The Council approved the proposal to add an additional \$4 million to the project to ensure that the facility will also include a gymnasium, ensuring that the District will finally deliver on the more than a 10-year-old promise to build a suitable recreation center for the residents in and around Edgewood.

#### ***North Capitol Street and Florida Avenue Triangle Park***

The Council's budget also sustains the proposal by Councilmember McDuffie and the Committee on

Transportation and the Environment to create a new capital project at the North Capitol Street and Florida Avenue Triangle Park. As residents know the park is often a mixed scene of alcohol consumption, drug use and litter. This new project provides DDOT with funds that can be used to creatively enhance the park, and allow for DDOT to enter into a memorandum of understanding with a community serving group to program the space.

Read more [here](#).

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## DC Council Approves Alternate Location for Ward 5 Homeless Shelter

On Tuesday, May 17 the D.C. Council voted to approve and fund a new plan for closing DC general. In February, the administration proposed a plan to close DC general. As initially proposed the plan called for locating the Ward 5 temporary shelter at 2266 25th Place, NE. The 25th Place site presented serious challenges including its proximity to a trash transfer station, bus lots, a strip club, a night club, and freight rail tracks. Additionally, its distance from public transportation and grocery stores presented more problems.

The Council's proposal provides the Administration with two alternate locations to choose from, the former Metropolitan Police Department Youth Division Building located on Rhode Island Avenue, and the Penn Center located at 326 R Street, NE.

Importantly, this proposal does more than just improve the location of the proposed shelters – it also manages to save District taxpayers \$165 million when compared to the leases initially proposed by the Executive. This proposal will likely end up saving the District even more money in the long run – as the District will now permanently own every D.C. General replacement shelter and will not need to search for new shelters in 20 years when the Executive's proposed leases would have expired.

Read full statement [here](#).

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## McDuffie Commemorates National Police Week with Council Resolution

Every year in May, law enforcement officers from around the world gather in Washington, D.C., to commemorate National Police Week, which is observed this year from May 15-21, 2016. Today, in the United States, more than 900,000 law enforcement officers put their lives on the line for the safety and protection of others. Sadly, over the last decade, an average of 146 officers each year have been killed in the line of duty. National Police Week pays special recognition to those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

To commemorate National Police Week in the District of Columbia, I introduced – and the Council passed – the [National Police Week Recognition Resolution of 2016](#). This resolution recognizes the officers of the Metropolitan Police Department, the District of Columbia Housing Authority Police Department, and the Department of General Services' Protective Services Division. These agencies are tasked with protecting more than 670,000 residents and 20.2 million District visitors every year. They routinely demonstrate their professionalism and dedication to the job by building community trust, responding to calls for service, and cultivating relationships with residents. We express our

sincere gratitude and thank them for serving our residents, employees, and visitors with valor and distinction.

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## Kenyan in the Community

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On Thursday, May 12, Councilmember McDuffie enjoyed another day of “Kenyan in the Community” events. He initially participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony at Visionary Square, a new senior affordable residence located at 2401 Washington Place NE. In a partnership spearheaded by Israel Baptist Church and several public and private institutions, Visionary Square has come to fruition with a total of 47 affordable units for seniors over the age of 60.

The second stop for “Kenyan in the Community” was Gettysburg and Fort Lincoln 1 senior homes. Councilmember McDuffie visited the seniors during their lunch to discuss the proposed FY 17 budget, the “Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults and Elderly Amendment Act of 2016,” and to gather any constituent services related concerns.

The tour ended at McKinley Technical High School. Councilmember McDuffie, alongside the Department of Parks and Recreation’s Roving Leaders, greeted school administration as scholars departed school.

Stay tuned for our next series of “Kenyan in the Community” events.

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## McDuffie Cuts the Ribbon on DC Bilingual Public Charter School Playground



On Wednesday, May 18, Councilmember McDuffie cut the ribbon on the DC Bilingual Public Charter School new playground. DC Bilingual Public Charter School is an extraordinary institution that continues to attract families from all across the city providing quality education for our young scholars. DC Bilingual Public Charter School has been a great community partner serving the Fort Totten community through organizational collaboration and community engagement.

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## **Team McDuffie Celebrates Ward 5 Senior Community Day**



On Thursday, May 19, over 250 seniors attended Seabury Resources for Aging Ward 5 Senior Community Day. Our very own Ward 5 Commissioner Grace Lewis was honored for being a trailblazer for the senior community. The seniors enjoyed a fitness expo, a performance from Model Cities steppers, line dancing and were able to receive valuable information on financial literacy, health and wellness, elder abuse, and housing from the 15 vendors that participated.

[Click here](#) to view pictures.

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## Team McDuffie Participates in 5E Beautification Day



On Saturday, May 14, Team McDuffie participated in ANC 5E's Beautification Day in the Eckington community. Residents came with their shovels, rakes, and other gardening equipment. Thanks to ANC 5E for donating 80 plants and five trees to beautify the neighborhood.

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## Community Bulletin Board

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



# IN THE WARDS

THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS INVITED  
TO ATTEND THE  
OFFICE OF CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT'S

OCP IN THE WARDS SERIES IN WARD 5

**WHEN:** May 23, 2016  
Time: 4 - 6pm

**WHERE:** Providence Hospital, Ross Auditorium  
1150 Varnum Street NE  
Washington, DC 20017

**REGISTER AT:**

<http://ocpinward5.eventbrite.com>

For more information, please visit the OCP  
website at **WWW.OCP.DC.GOV**  
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