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The Ward 5 Report

Dear Resident,

Spring is soon approaching and I look forward to knocking on doors in your neighborhood for “Kenyan in the Community.” As most of you are aware, I kicked off “Kenyan in the Community” last October and engaged with residents on issues such as public safety, transportation, education, and Ward 5 budget priorities. We even held a community clean up at Truxton circle after residents contacted our office about the site. These community engagement opportunities allow me and my staff to engage with you on any constituent service related issues, and concerns or ideas that you have for my office. We want to hear from you.

Among other exciting community engagement efforts, I will be starting meet and greets in the Ward in April with my initial meeting to be held in the Fort Lincoln community. If you are interested in hosting a meet and greet, please contact my office at (202) 724-8028. Finally, on Tuesday, March 1, the D.C. Council passed my crime fighting bill, the [“Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2016”](#) (NEAR Act), a comprehensive bill that re-calibrates how the District approaches public safety, by not just addressing crime after it occurs, but rather working to prevent crime by treating its root causes in a long-term, sustainable way.

I applaud the advocates and experts who helped us craft this meaningful legislation and helped to spread the word. I thank the residents who voiced their public safety concerns, testified at hearings, and for their active engagement throughout this entire process.

I still need your help. Please share this [one pager](#) of the NEAR Act with your neighbors, family, and friends. Join the conversation on social media and use the hashtag NEARAct. You may learn more [here](#).

In Service,

Kenyan

Legislative & Committee Updates

Council Unanimously Passes Councilmember McDuffie's Crime Prevention Bill

On March 1, the Council unanimously passed the "Neighborhood Engagement Achieves Results Amendment Act of 2016" ("NEAR Act") introduced by Councilmember McDuffie. The NEAR Act is an innovative, data-driven approach that establishes the District as a national leader in crime prevention policy. Grounded in the principle that violent crime is a public health crisis, the NEAR Act treats crime's root causes.

The NEAR Act will establish an Office of Violence Prevention and Health Equity (OVPHE). Similar to a component of the [Cure Violence model](#), OVPHE is a recognition of the years of research demonstrating that violence is a public health problem. OVPHE will require the District to develop and implement a public health strategy using risk assessment tools, cognitive and family based therapy, and service coordination to combat the spread of violence. Such coordination will include placing clinicians in every hospital's emergency department to immediately respond to victims of crime and prevent the escalation of violence.

The NEAR Act also creates an Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE). Based on [the successful Richmond, California, model](#), the goal of the ONSE will be to identify teenagers and young adults at the highest risk for committing or being a victim of violent crimes for participation in a stipend based program involving life planning, trauma-informed therapy, and mentorship. The program will require its participants to create and execute a successful lifeplan, moving them away from the pitfalls of violent crime. Evidencing the potential success of ONSE, as reported on [CNN by Fareed Zakaria](#), between 2007 and 2014, Richmond experienced a 76% reduction in firearm related homicides.

Additionally, The NEAR Act addresses the intersection of mental health disorders, substance abuse, and crime. "We know that those impacted by mental health disorders, and substance abuse are often in regular contact with the police due to unmet healthcare and housing needs," said McDuffie. The NEAR Act establishes a Community Crime Prevention Team Program to pair professionals from the Department of Behavioral Health and Department of Human Services with police officers to identify individuals in need of assistance, ultimately connecting them with wrap-around services.

The legislation also requires the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to provide yearly training on preventing biased-based profiling; community policing; and the use of force in their mandatory continuing education. Moreover, MPD is required to collect stop and frisk and use of force data in an effort to promote transparency and improve police-community relations.

The bill now heads to the Mayor's desk for her signature, after which it will go to Congress for its review.

Council Begins Agency Budget Oversight Hearings on April 6

The Council will begin its public budget oversight hearings on April 6. The [full schedule can be found here](#). Residents interested in testifying about the performance of any agency should reach out to the staff contact listed on the schedule.

The Committee on the Judiciary will be holding budget oversight hearings on the following dates:

- **April 6, Room 412:** Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants, Office of Human Rights
- **April 6, Room 500:** Metropolitan Police Department, Office of Police Complaints
- **April 12, Room 412:** Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department, Office of Unified Communications, Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
- **April 14, Room 500:** Office of the Attorney General, Office of Administrative Hearings, Board of Ethics and Government Accountability, Board of Elections, Office of Campaign Finance
- **April 20, Room 120:** Department of Corrections, Corrections Information Council, Office of Returning Citizen Affairs, Department of Forensic Sciences, Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

Upcoming Hearing on Councilmember McDuffie's Emergency Medical Services Reform Bills

On March 22, Councilmember McDuffie will convene a public hearing on two bills: (1) Bill 21-0506, the "Establishment of the Community Health Emergency Link Paramedicine Pilot Program Act of 2015", and (2) Bill 21-0615, the "Notice in Case of Emergency Amendment Act of 2016".

The first bill would establish a pilot community paramedicine program within the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department. The bill responds to high call volumes for basic life support calls by establishing a community paramedicine pilot program for EMS providers to treat patients on the scene and thereby divert them from emergency departments.

The second bill would expand the registration and format of the Office of Unified Communications' resident medical information profile program and would implement a vehicle and home decal program that alerts emergency responders that the vehicle glove department or the residence contains a copy of the individual's medical information profile. More than 20 other states have similar "yellow dot" or decal programs.

The hearing will be held at 1 p.m. in Room 412. Individuals interested in testifying should contact Diamond Wade, Legislative Aide, at dwade@dccouncil.us or 727-8204 with their name, title, and organizational affiliation by March 18.

Councilmember McDuffie Holds Oversight Roundtable on Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Law

On February 25, the Committee on the Judiciary, chaired by Councilmember McDuffie, held a public

oversight roundtable to review the implementation of the Sexual Assault Victims' Rights Act of 2014. The law set out to bring coherence to the continuum of sexual assault services, empower survivors, and clearly set forth the obligations of government agencies. Notably, the law created a new position for an Independent Expert Consultant required to review training for all personnel and advanced training for the Metropolitan Police Department's Sexual Assault Unit detectives; internal policies and procedures related to sexual assault including standard operating procedures and general orders; complaints and feedback from the public; and a random sample of case files. The Act also formalizes a best practice from other jurisdictions – the Sexual Assault Response Team, or “SART”. The SART is a partnership of public and private agencies charged with coordinating a high-quality, multidisciplinary, victim-centered response to sexual assault cases. Lastly, SAVRAA established a Task Force to study nationally recognized best practices and develop recommendations.

At the roundtable, the Committee reviewed the recommendations from the Independent Expert Consultant and the Task Force, and also heard from local and federal agencies on their compliance with the law.

Sign up to Testify for Hearing on "Homeward DC" Short-Term Housing Proposed Location

The Committee of the Whole will hold a hearing on Bill 21-620, the “Homeward D.C. Omnibus Approval of Facilities Plan for Short-Term Housing for Persons Experiencing Homelessness Act of 2016”, on **Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 10:30 AM in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building**. This legislation contains the Mayor’s plan to replace the D.C. General Homeless Shelter with new family shelters in seven Wards. The Mayor’s bill proposes placing a shelter at 2266 25th Place N.E in Ward 5. Any individuals who would like to testify regarding the legislation, or the location the Mayor has selected for a shelter in Ward 5, should e-mail or call Alana Intrieri in the Chairman's office. You must sign up to testify no later than the close of business on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Ms. Intrieri can be reached by phone at (202) 724-8196, or by e-mail at aintrieri@dccouncil.us.

DOEE Proposed Rulemaking on Automobile Paint Spray Booth Operations

In accordance with the “Ward 5 Paint Spray Booth Conditional Moratorium Temporary Act of 2015,” introduced by Councilmember McDuffie, on Friday, March 11, the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) published a Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking. This emergency rulemaking establishes higher emission standards for automobile paint spray booth operations. Specifically, the rulemaking, amongst other provisions, sets automotive coating and cleaning solvent volatile organic compound (VOC) limits, mandates the use of certain automotive coating application methods, prescribes work practices and other requirements to reduce emissions, prescribes recordkeeping requirements for those who use particular automotive coating and cleaning solvents and related emission control systems, and details the test methods to determine compliance with various limits and standards.

The “Ward 5 Paint Spray Booth Conditional Moratorium Temporary Act of 2015” declared the existence of an emergency, instituted a moratorium of permits for the construction or operation of

automobile paint spray booths in Ward 5, and temporarily raised emission standards for automobile paint spray booths. This Emergency Act was necessary for the immediate preservation of the health, safety and welfare of Ward 5 residents adversely affected by the pollutants from already existing automobile paint spray booth operators until establishment of final rules.

To view the emergency and proposed rulemaking and make public comment, please [click here](#).

Kenyan in the Community

McDuffie Kicks off Ward 5 Professionals Networking Mixer



On Thursday, February 25, Councilmember McDuffie kicked off his Ward 5 Young Professionals Networking Mixer at Union Social. Nearly 300 people were in attendance from industries ranging from federal and local government, education, and real estate. The office received great feedback from the community and will keep you posted on upcoming social networking opportunities. This was the first of

many more networking mixers to come. We would like to thank Studio 202, [Union Social](#) for their hospitality, and all those that attended.

Team McDuffie Participates in MedStar's Ward 5 I love Me - Get2Breast CARE Program

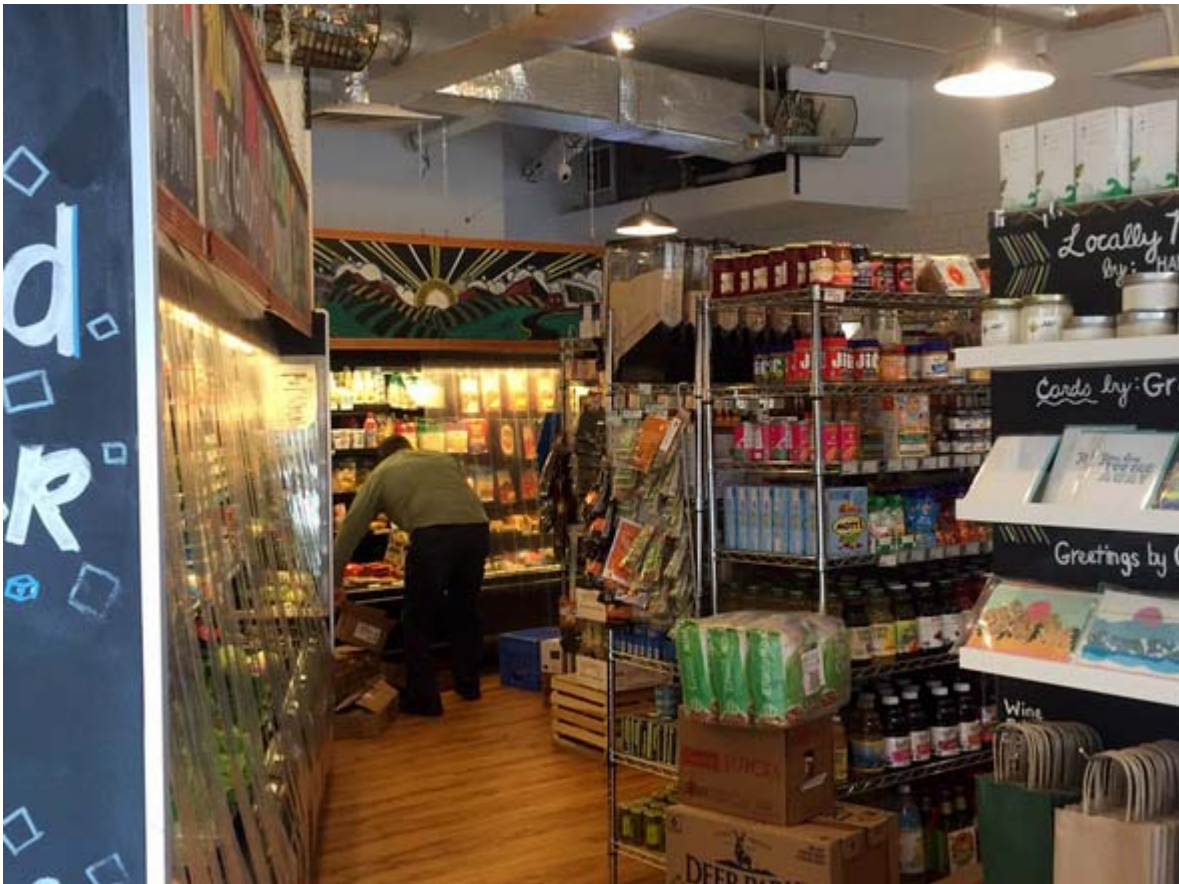
On Saturday, February 27, Team McDuffie attended MedStar Washington Hospital Center's "I love Me Event – Get2Breast CARE Program."

The "Get2Breast CARE Program" is a breast cancer prevention project in Ward 5 conducted by the Washington Cancer Institute (WCI) at the MedStar Washington Hospital Center.

In 2015, MedStar sought out to understand the reasons why in 2013 there were 1,449 cases of advanced breast cancer seen at WCI, 68 of those cases were in Ward 5 and 97 percent of those women had health insurance. MedStar and their community navigators spoke to women in Ward 5 and conducted over 1,000 surveys to understand the barriers women are facing to prevent early detection and screenings. The findings revealed: fear, personal reasons, mammogram concerns and lack of breast cancer risk perceptions as the most common barriers.

MedStar seeks assistance from the community to help educate and raise awareness about early detection and the importance of regular breast cancer screenings. We encourage you to schedule a presentation of the "Get2Breast CARE Program." Whether it is at your church, an ANC or civic association meeting, school, or recreation center. You may contact Melanie Laughinghouse, Community Navigator at 202-525-9281 or via email at Laughinghouse.melanie@medstar.net.

Team McDuffie Tours Good Food Markets



On Thursday, March 10, Team McDuffie toured Good Food Markets --- celebrating one year in business. Good Food Markets is a neighborhood grocery located in the heart of the Rhode Island Avenue that provides quality fresh produce and healthy foods. 50 percent of their inventory is purely based on community selection. Good Food Markets offers competitive prices in addition to offering neighborhood discounts daily. The discounts start at five percent off, and ten percent off for seniors. SNAP beneficiaries can receive up to a 20 percent discount.

Good Food Markets has also established community partnerships offering educational programming opportunities with the District of Columbia Public Schools, District of Columbia Public Library, UDC and a variety of urban agricultural organizations. Please stop in and check out the store which is located at 2006 Rhode Island Ave NE. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday 11am-8pm and Saturday-Sunday 8am-9pm.

Community Bulletin Board

You're Invited to Politics & Art

Please join me on **Wednesday, March 16**, for the second annual “**Politics & Art: A Jam Session at the Wilson Building**” located at **1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW** from **5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** Politics and Art will feature performances by the Gay Men’s Chorus of Washington, D.C., and a jam band featuring Go-Go Legend, JuJu and many others.

This event provides a platform to showcase the thriving arts community but also promotes community engagement at the historic John A. Wilson Building. If you are a performer, we invite you to bring your

instrument to help us celebrate D.C.'s arts scene.

We would like to thank Councilmember Grosso and the Washington Performing Arts' MARS Urban Arts Initiative for their work in holding this spectacular event.

Hope to see you there!

POLITICS & ART
A Jam Session at the Wilson Building
Wed, Mar 16, 5:30-8:30pm
John A. Wilson Building

Washington Performing Arts' MARS Urban Arts Initiative, in partnership with Councilmember David Grosso, will host *POLITICS & ART: A Jam Session at the Wilson Building.*

Come celebrate D.C.'s arts scene and its intersections with political life!

POLITICS & ART will include performances by Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C., Kokayi, Sara Curtin, Nag Champa, Slow Down Tommy, Sara Jerez and a jam band featuring Go-Go Legend, Ju Ju and many others.

To RSVP for *POLITICS & ART*, [CLICK HERE](#)

If you are a performer, we invite you to bring your instrument to help us celebrate D.C.'s unique performance and visual art cultures!

(Due to the Wilson Building's security, please bring your I.D. to the event for check-in purposes. Please use the D Street Entrance)

Co-sponsored by the Offices of Chairman Phil Mendelson, Councilmember Jack Evans, Councilmember Anita Bonds, Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie, Councilmember Mary M. Cheh, Councilmember Brandon T. Todd, Councilmember Charles Allen, Councilmember Yvette Alexander, Councilmember Elissa Silverman, Councilmember Vincent Orange, Councilmember LaRuby May, and Councilmember Brianne Nadeau.

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