

In this issue of the Ward 5 Report: a brand new committee; closing the GPS loophole; and Kenyan in the Community.

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Neighbors,

Happy New Year! We are not even half way in to January and I already have lots of exciting developments to share.

Last Monday my new colleagues were sworn in and we got right to work establishing the Council committee assignments. I am honored that my colleagues have voted for me to chair the newly-constituted Committee on Business and Economic Development. This committee has oversight of 20 agencies, boards, and commissions including Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration; Department of Small and Local Business Development; Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development; Office of People's Counsel; and the Public Service Commission.

During this Council Period, I will be focusing on business development, continuing to grow our economy, and ensuring that we have a healthy economic environment for our small and local businesses to thrive. And, those priorities are reflected in the first piece of legislation I introduced this week, the Local and Small Business Equity and Development Participation Amendment Act of 2017. This bill instructs the D.C. Department of Housing and Community Development, the department which oversees the Housing Protection Trust Fund, to give priority to developers who contract with Certified Business Enterprises (CBEs).

I could not be more proud of the meaningful legislation that the Committee on the Judiciary produced over the last two years, from reforming our juvenile justice system to creating the police body-worn camera program, to name just two of the 104 bills that we produced last council period. I truly look forward to bringing that

same passion to the Business and Economic Development Team so that all Washingtonians are able to take part in - and thrive - in the District's vibrant economy.

In Service,

Kenyan

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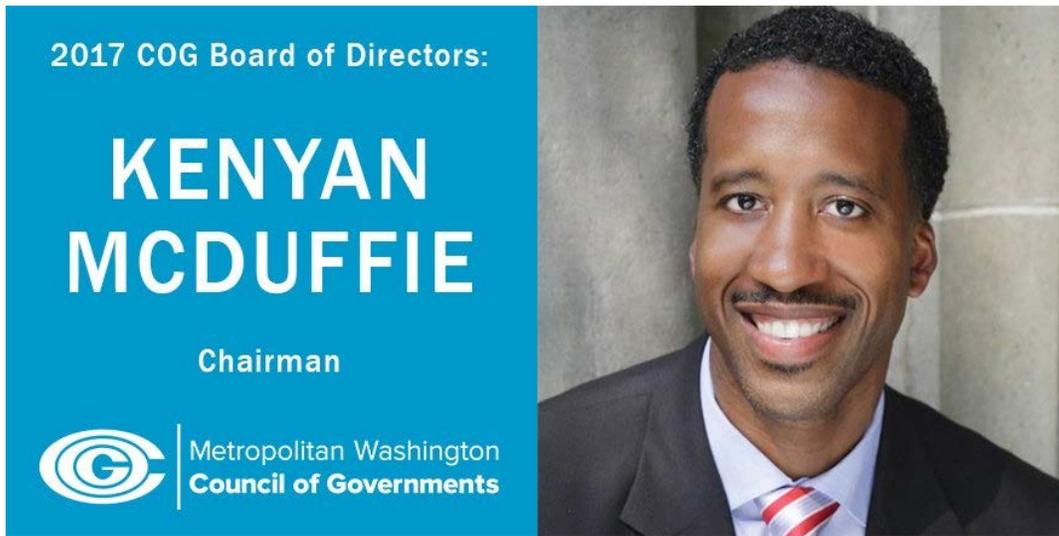
Legislative Update



Last week Councilmember McDuffie participated in a bill signing ceremony with Mayor Muriel Bowser along with the District's public safety leaders.

The mayor signed legislation which was introduced in September and passed by the full Council in December. This bill closes a loophole that prevented the prosecution of people released under court supervision who tampered with their GPS-enabled

ankle bracelet to evade monitoring.



Today, Councilmember McDuffie was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. McDuffie, who has served on the board since 2013, told his colleagues that securing sustainable, dedicated funding to help restore Metro to a world-class system will continue to be a top priority for the regional body comprised of officials from the District, Maryland, and Virginia.

Kenyan in the Community



CM [@kenyanmcduffie](#) visited Dahlgreen Courts today to see some of the hazardous building conditions reported by residents.



Councilmember McDuffie visited Dahlgreen Courts Apartments in Brookland to personally view some



CM [@kenyanmcduffie](#) out assessing damage that still remains nearly 2 mos after Delafield PI flooding. Our residents deserve better [@dcwater](#)



Councilmember McDuffie visited

of the appalling conditions in the building. The Councilmember is working with the tenants association to ensure the situation is addressed.

Delafield Place NE to talk with residents and view water damaged basements that came as a result of a D.C. Water issue in November. The Councilmember has been engaged and continues to push D.C. Water to rectify these residents damaged basements.

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners Sworn In



This Monday, January 2 Councilmember McDuffie administered the oath of office to nearly all of the new elected/re-elected Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (ANCs) from Ward 5. These commissioners were elected in the November general election and serve two-year terms that begin with the first day of the year (or, if the first is a Sunday, the second day of the year). ANCs serve their neighbors, on a volunteer basis, giving up their nights and weekends to be a voice for their communities. Ward 5 is home to five Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and the people who make up each commission can be found linked [here](#).

John A. Wilson Scholarships Available



As a lasting memorial to one of their founders, each year the H Street Community Development Corporation offers college scholarships to students, with preference given to students from wards 5, 6, and 7. For more information and to apply, please visit: <http://www.hstreetcdc.org/for-youth/>

The Honorable John A. Wilson led the successful 1974 campaign for adoption of the District's Home Rule Charter, then served 18 years on the D.C. City Council. From 1991 until his death in 1993, he was the City Council Chairman. Mr. Wilson was a founding member of the HSCDC. His leadership facilitated the 1984 birth of the organization that has since produced new affordable housing and commercial retail and office space throughout the area.

HSCDC established The John A. Wilson Scholarship Fund as a lasting memorial to the late civil rights leader. The first five scholarships of \$10,000 each were awarded in June 2008. Since then, 35 additional scholarships have been awarded to outstanding students—totaling 40 scholarships awarded and over \$400,000 in scholarship funds awarded to date.

Ward 5 Education Fair



Community Partners & Participating Schools

DC Public Charter School Board • DCPS • DC Public Library • FOCUS DC • My School DC • PAVE
Bridges PCS • Brookland Middle School • Browne Education Campus • Bunker Hill Elementary School •
Burroughs Elementary School • Carlos Rosario PCS • Center City PCS • Creative Minds International PCS •
DC Bilingual PCS • DC Prep Edgewood Elementary Campus PCS • DC Prep Edgewood Middle Campus PCS
• DCPS Early Childhood Education (ECE) • DCPS Enrollment Team •
DCPS Office of Family & Public Engagement (OFPE) • Dunbar High School • Friendship PCS •
Friendship PCS Online • Harmony PCS • Inspired Teaching PCS • KIPP DC PCS •
Langdon Elementary School • Langley Elementary School • Lee Montessori PCS • Luke C. Moore High School
• McKinley Middle School • McKinley Technology High School • Mundo Verde PCS •
Noyes Elementary School • Perry Street Prep PCS • Phelps High School •
Shining Stars Montessori PCS • The Children's Guild PCS • Two Rivers PCS •
Washington Leadership Academy PCS • Washington Yu Ying PCS •
Wheatley Education Campus • AND MORE!

Learn more about the range of PK3-12th grade public school options that Ward 5 has to offer in the upcoming 2017-18 school year! Meet representatives from over 30 public schools. All families are welcome! [Click here more information and to RSVP.](#)

The G9 is Coming to Rhode Island Avenue in March 2017



You will soon be able to ride all the way from Eastern Avenue down Rhode Island Avenue to downtown without a transfer. The G9 is on schedule to debut in March 2017. Councilmember McDuffie secured funds for the G9 to begin operations in the last budget cycle, which was voted on by the D.C. Council in the early summer of 2016.



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