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### **Mayor Adrian Fenty and Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser announce the purchase of 6425 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW and \$35 million available for affordable housing projects**

(Washington, DC) – On Monday April 14, at 11:00 AM, Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, Ward 4 Councilmember Muriel Bowser, and Leila Edmunds, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will announce the acquisition of 6425 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW for affordable housing as well as the release of \$35 million in DHCD funds for affordable housing through out Ward 4 and the city.

Through a joint effort between DHCD and DMPED, the District of Columbia has acquired, and on Monday will begin the disposition process for 6425 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, better known as The Tewkesberry.

6425 14<sup>th</sup> Street is a 26-unit apartment building in “shell” condition which has sat vacant since the 1980s in the middle of the stable Brightwood community.

Over time, the property has become an eyesore in an otherwise quiet neighborhood. “I would like to thank the community groups, especially the Brightwood Community Association and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission, who have worked diligently to bring this blighted property to our attention and ensure that we worked quickly to take control of the site,” said Councilmember Bowser. By July 2008, a developer will be selected to begin the restoration for the property and return it to use for affordable housing.

Also to be announced are the release of \$35 million in funding for affordable housing projects throughout the city, including the city-owned properties in the 3800 block of Georgia Avenue.

The press conference will occur in front of 6425 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW.

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