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Dear Neighbors:

I am always saddened to write to you about gun violence and any lawlessness in our community. This weekend was especially sad in Petworth. In talks with the Mayor, Police Chief, and our 4th District Commander last weekend and through today, I want to assure you that all levels of government are working to find and punish the perpetrators and prevent further violence or acts of retribution in what appears to be targeted attacks.

In the calls and emails that I have received, I know that residents are outraged by these direct threats to your safety, your family and home. I share your outrage and also share your sympathy for the families of those stricken down by senseless violence.

I will join Chief Lanier and MPD leadership in a briefing on November 13, 2008 to the community so that you may hear directly from MPD about the status of the investigations and plan of action to make our neighborhoods safer. In addition to 4D's efforts, Chief Lanier has redirected a number of citywide resources to attempt to prevent and curb the violence in Petworth. She has committed citywide vice units, warrant squads, intelligence units, and many more officers teaming up to address this recent spike. I've encouraged her to keep every option on the table in bringing this situation under control.

4D is, of course, still focused on maintaining significant presence throughout our neighborhoods for overall safety, especially as the holidays approach.

See meeting details below:

Thursday, November 13

In response to the recent violence in the Petworth community, I will provide an emergency community update, along with Chief of Police Cathy Lanier, 4th District Commander Linda Brown, ANC 4C Chairman Joseph Martin, and ANC 4C Commissioners, 6:30 PM-7:00 PM (Item # 1 on the agenda), ANC 4C monthly meeting, Patrol Services Bureau (ROC-North), 801 Shepherd Street, NW, Room 245

Also, please join me Tuesday, November 18, 2008, John A. Wilson Building, Council Chambers, Room 500, 11:15 AM, for a presentation of Ceremonial Resolution to Jourdinia Brown, ANC 4A02 Commissioner, and Neighbors Inc. in celebration of 50 years in the community. For additional information contact my office at 202-724-8052.

Please visit the new DC Council website for more details at: www.dccouncil.us.

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Councilmember Bowser sponsors free Home Financing Seminar- November 15

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Washington, D.C. Association of Realtors®, and the Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors® are pleased to announce a free public service seminar intended to educate residents about accurate conditions in their local real estate market and how to remain a financially secure homeowner during economic uncertainty. The seminar will take place on Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Emery Recreation Center, located at 5701 Georgia Avenue, NW in Washington, D.C.

Seminar attendees will hear from real estate and mortgage experts on a variety of topics including planning for a home purchase, homebuyer resources from the District and the federal governments, various loans on the market today, preventing foreclosure, and what to do when your adjustable rate mortgage resets. The seminar is free of charge and open to the general public. All current and potential homeowners are welcome to attend. For additional information contact Ed Krauze at 301-590-8792 or ekrauze@GCAAR.com.

DDOT public meeting- November 19

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will host a public meeting on the 2010-2015 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, Franklin D. Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, NW, second floor. DDOT is asking for public participation in the identification of projects that could be beneficial to enhancing transportation for the District. Comments are sought for transportation projects including, but not limited to, pedestrian/bicycle programs, transit programs such as MetroExtra, Circulator and streetcar, and repairing and improving bridges, roadways, sidewalks and alleys. If you would like additional information contact Karyn LeBlanc at 202-671-3490 or Karyn.LeBlance@dc.gov.

DCPS community forum- November 19

The Chancellor's office will host a community forum on the District of Columbia Public School's 5 year action plan. This 5- year action plan builds on the collaborative work of the Master Education Plan (MEP). The forum is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, Smothers Elementary School, 4400 Brooks Street, NE. For additional information please contact Jennifer Nguyen at 202-442-5191 or Jennifer.nguyen@dc.gov.

Trash collection day changes- December 1

The DC Department of Public Works announced that about 45,000 households with once-a-week trash and recycling collections will have a new collection day as of December 1, 2008. The new collection schedule grows out of the need to streamline the collections process and will allow more efficient use of resources, including fuel. Residents in Wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, with once-a-week collection service, will be affected. As of Saturday, November 8, DPW employees began posting signs along the streets where the collection schedules are changing to alert residents of their new collection day. In addition to the street signs, residents will receive a doorknocker, in English and Spanish that will also notify you of your new collection day.

Trash and recycling containers should be placed at the point of collection between 8 pm the day before the collection day and no later than 6 am of the collection day. The containers should be removed from public space by 8 pm of the collection day. The re-routing will involve collections staff being assigned to new routes, residents may notice different DPW employees handling their collections. If you have any additional questions call 311. You may also visit www.dpw.dc.gov after November 14 to see if your street will be affected by the change.

Free flu shots for Ward 4 seniors- November 20

Join the Barney Neighborhood House and The DC Department of Health Thursday, November 20, 2008, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at 504 Kennedy Street NW, as free flu shots are administered to senior citizens 60 and over. If you would like additional information contact Donna J. Ellis at 202-939-9046.

