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Dear Neighbors:

On Monday, December 1, I met with Ward 4 community leaders and Chief Judge Lee F. Satterfield, Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the community impact of crime and how the community can be involved in making judges aware of our concerns.

At yesterday's legislative meeting, the Council took its first vote to bring FiOS to DC residents. I voted in favor of this because the residents of Ward 4 have clearly told me they want this choice!

I am proud to report that I was sworn in today by the District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics to serve as an elector in the Electoral College for the District of Columbia. I join Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray and Mr. Jerry Cooper, Democratic State Committee as electors. The electors in each State meet to select the President and Vice President of the United States on December 15.

Here is a brief summary of the bills upon which final reading and final vote was taken at yesterday's legislative meeting:

- ★ **Targeted Ward 4 Single Sales Moratorium and Neighborhood Grocery Retailer Act of 2008**, prohibition of the sales of single containers of beer, malt liquor, or ale, by off premises retailers located in Ward 4. Additionally, the law exempts ANC 4C07 from the ward wide Ban on New Class B Alcohol Licenses for New full-service grocers. New grocers like Yes! Organic Market can apply. The law also makes it possible for Broad Branch Market to apply for a Class B Beer & Wine License.
- ★ **Ward 4 Neighborhood Investment Fund Boundary Expansion Amendment Act of 2008**, this bill amends the Neighborhood Investment Act of 2004 to expand the commercial area in the Brightwood and Upper Georgia Avenue Target area to include more of Kennedy Street and portions of Takoma and Petworth.

First reading on proposed bills:

- ★ **Approval of Verizon Washington, DC Inc.'s Cable Television System Franchise Act of 2008**, approves the nonexclusive franchise agreement that Verizon negotiated in principle with the Office of Cable Television and then in detail with the Council. This measure allows Verizon to offer cable television service over a Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network that it plans to construct as an upgrade to its existing infrastructure, creating additional competition in the cable television market in the District.
- ★ **Inoperable Pistol Amendment Act of 2008**, clarifies that the crime of carrying a pistol without a license does not require that proof of operability is necessary in order to establish substantial probability that a person has violated this law.

Upcoming DC Council hearing:

Friday, December 5

12:00 PM, Council Chamber, Room 500, Public Hearing, Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary, Phil Mendelson, Chairperson, Agenda Item: "Omnibus Anti-Crime Amendment Act of 2008", Bill 17-0951.

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

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Annual Ward 4 Holiday Party- December 13

Please join Councilmember Muriel Bowser at the Annual Ward 4 Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13th from 6 to 8 PM at the Kingsbury Day School, 5000 - 14th Street, NW. Enjoy live entertainment, great food and music. Contributions to the constituent fund will be used to purchase new coats for Ward 4 students. Your support would be appreciated. For additional information or to RSVP: Contact Brandon Todd at 202-724-8052 or btodd@dccouncil.us. We look forward to sharing the joys of the holiday season with you!

DC Neighborhood Circulation Study Results- December 11

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) are inviting residents to review the preliminary findings of the DC Neighborhood Circulation Study. There are four public meetings scheduled in December where the agencies will present proposals to improve bus service and connectivity in the city. The potential improvements could include new WMATA bus lines, new DC Circulator buses, or changes to existing bus routes.

DDOT's Mass Transit Administration (MTA) and WMATA are conducting the study to ensure all District neighborhoods have the proper surface transit service to support mobility and accessibility. The agencies held a first set of meetings across the city in September, to solicit public input. Comments made by residents at those meetings were incorporated into the study. Attend the meeting to be held Thursday, December 11, 2008, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Trinity AME Zion Church, 3505 16th Street, NW (Use the Oak Street entrance). For additional information you may call 202-561-3700.

Visit the Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center

The Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center became a wonderful addition to the Ward 4 community in the Fall of 2007 and joined the city's 12 other senior recreation program centers, where residents over the age of 60 may take part in programs that challenge them to remain active and involved in the larger community.

It is a great place for DC seniors to socialize, exercise, and participate in a variety of programs designed to help enhance quality of life. The Center promotes wellness as an optimum state of health and well-being. This is achieved through health promotion, health education, recreational activities and preventative disease education. The Center believes that the key to wellness is identifying health risks and teaching the necessary lifestyle changes to reduce those risks. Their fitness and nutrition programs are fun and designed to raise awareness about living a healthy lifestyle and getting more enjoyment out of life.

We encourage you to visit the Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center. Membership and services are free to all District of Columbia residents who are age 60 years and older. The center is located at 324 Kennedy Street NW and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm. For more information contact the Center Director, Ms. Teresa Moore at 202-291-6170 or fax # 202-291-2790. The center is part of the Senior Service network supported and funded by the DC Office on Aging with day-to-day operations managed by Providence Hospital and the Wellness Institute.

Second Annual Shepherd Elementary School Holiday Bazaar- December 6

We hope you will be able to join the Shepherd Elementary School PTA for their Second Annual Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 12-6 PM, Shepherd Elementary School, 7800 14th Street, NW (Between Kalmia & Jonquil Streets). If you would like additional information please e-mail Marcie Bane at marciebane@comcast.net.