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Dear Neighbors,

Along with Chief Cathy Lanier, I convened a community meeting on Monday night, January 23 to discuss MPD response to a recent crime spike in the Fourth District. We were joined by Fourth District Commander Kimberly Chisley-Missouri; Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice Paul Quander; Director of the Office of Unified Communications Jennifer Greene; Rich Romer from Montgomery County Councilmember Valerie Ervin's Office; Takoma Park, Maryland Police Chief Ronald Ricucci; Montgomery County Police Lt. Robert Carter; At-Large Councilmember Vincent Orange and over 200 concerned neighbors.

I concluded the meeting by summarizing concerns raised by the community and then outlining measures that MPD and other government agencies/residents would take to address the current problems. The next steps are as follows:

District Budget and MPD Resources – described past efforts to appropriate an additional \$10 million to MPD in the current year's budget. I strongly encouraged residents to voice their support for increased police funding to the Council as it considers the new budget in the next few months.

MPD Resources/Staffing Adjustments – asked MPD to continue adjusting staff and resource levels as needed to meet the crime levels of Shepherd Park, including assignment of newly trained officers in April and use of DPW and other government staff.

Crime Cameras – MPD should deploy more strategically-placed cameras to detect and prevent crimes. There are obvious budget limitations to this effort, though MPD should review current deployment levels and adjust as needed and as resources allow.

Jurisdictional Coordination – MPD will continue strong cooperation with Takoma Park, MD, Montgomery County and other police forces in fighting crime.

MPD Crime Prevention Training – recommended MPD conduct more training of residents, where police officers go door-to-door providing tips on what individual residents can do to make themselves and others safer.

Neighborhood Watch/Participation – strongly encouraged resident to join the neighborhood watch program. To do so, please contact Alex McCants of the neighborhood association at (202) 558-5336 or mccantsac@gmail.com. For information on neighborhood watch training, see <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1238,q,560689.asp> or contact Yvonne Smith at Yvonne.Smith@dc.gov or (202) 727-8809. Join the Fourth District email listserv at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MPD-4D/>.

Compliance Safety Checks – there are traffic stops in high traffic areas. All vehicles are stopped, residents are reminded to use seatbelts and carry necessary identification when these compliance safety checks occur. These safety checks also serve to increase police presence and help with traffic issues as well. Given the strong results they have had in the Petworth neighborhood, I asked MPD to consider doing them in Shepherd Park and surrounding neighborhoods as well.

Second Community Meeting – suggested holding a second community meeting at a later date (TBD) to follow-up on this action plan and to confirm that the necessary steps are being taken to solve these problems.

To review the summary of this community meeting visit my website at www.murielbowser.com.

DMV Amnesty Ends Friday

You can still pay your parking, moving and photo-enforcement tickets but have the **penalties for late fees waived on tickets issued prior to January 1, 2010. This amnesty ends January 27th, 2012.** Pay your amnesty tickets online at www.dmv.dc.gov, over the phone (866-893-5023) or in person at DMV Adjudication Services, 301 C Street, NW, 8:15 a.m. - 5:00 P.M. Monday-Friday. If you are unsure of what you owe, visit www.dmv.dc.gov and click on ticket amnesty to complete an online request form.

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Reminder: Community Town Hall on Pedestrian Safety, Today

ANC 4C and ANC 4D are convening a community town hall on pedestrian safety this evening, Wednesday, January 25 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at EL Haynes Public Charter School, 4501 Kansas Avenue NW. The Commissions are concerned about pedestrian safety issues at Sherman Circle and along New Hampshire Avenue NW between Webster and Farragut Streets. MPD and DDOT will be represented. For more information, contact Commissioner Zachary Hartman (4C09) at 202-505-1171 or zachfor4c09@gmail.com.

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2012 Summer Youth Employment Program Applications Available this Friday

Applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) will be available for District residents between the ages of 14 and 21 this Friday, January 27, 2012 beginning at 3:15 pm. Applications will be available at www.summerjobs.dc.gov and will be processed on a first-come,

first-serve basis and must be submitted by February 17 in order to be considered. It is important to note that space is limited. Please encourage youth that you know who are in need of a summer job to comply with the deadline.

In addition, the Department of Employment Services (DOES) will host a Midnight Madness event for those needing assistance with their application, including access to computers. Midnight Madness will take place on Friday, January 27, 2012 from 3:15 pm until 12:00 midnight at DOES's Headquarters, 4058 Minnesota Avenue, NE, at the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station on the Orange line. DOES staff will be available throughout Midnight Madness to assist and to answer any questions. **Note:** This year's SYEP program begins on Monday, June 25, 2012 and runs through Friday, August 3, 2012.

If your office is interested in providing employment experiences for youth this summer or if you know of an employer who might be interested, please complete or direct interested employers to the SYEP 2012 Host Employer Application, available at www.summerjobs.dc.gov. Applications for employers are due Friday, March 23.

For more information, call 202-698-3492.

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Agency Performance Review and FY 2013 Budget Hearings Set

The Council's budget office has set dates for public hearings on District agencies' 2011-2012 Performance Oversight and on the Mayor's Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Budget Request. Hearings for agencies under the purview of the Committee on Government Operations, chaired by Councilmember Bowser are as follows:

2011-2012 Performance Oversight Hearings

February 16 – 10:00 am

Office of the Secretary
Office of the Inspector General
Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs
Office of the City Administrator
Executive Office of the Mayor

To testify, please contact Jim Slattery at jslattery@dccouncil.us or 202-724-8052.

February 28 – 10:00 am

Office of Partnerships and Grant Services
Office of Disability Rights
Contract Appeals Board
Office of Contracting and Procurement

To testify, please contact Randy Hull at rhull@dccouncil.us or 202-727-8272.

February 22 – 11:00 am

Board of Elections and Ethics
Office of Campaign Finance
Office of the Chief Technology Officer
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

To testify, please contact Judah Gluckman at jgluckman@dccouncil.us or 202-724-8025.

March 1 – 10:00 am

DC Retirement Board
Office of Boards and Commissions
Public Employee Relations Board
Office of Employee Appeals
DC Human Resources
Office of Risk Management

To testify, please contact Jordyne Blaise at jblaise@dccouncil.us or 202-724-4902.

FY 2013 Budget Hearings

April 5 – 10:00 am

Office of the Secretary
Office of the Inspector General
Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs
Office of the City Administrator
Executive Office of the Mayor

To testify, please contact Jim Slattery at jslattery@dccouncil.us or 202-724-8052.

April 20 – 10:00 am

Office of Partnerships and Grant Services
Office of Disability Rights
Contract Appeals Board
Office of Contracting and Procurement

To testify, please contact Randy Hull at rhull@dccouncil.us or 202-727-8272.

April 18 – 10:00 am

Board of Elections and Ethics
Office of Campaign Finance
Office of the Chief Technology Officer
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

To testify, please contact Judah Gluckman at jgluckman@dccouncil.us or 202-724-8025.

April 25 – 10:00 am

DC Retirement Board
Office of Boards and Commissions
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Rock Creek Park Deer Management Plan

The National Park Service (NPS) has released its Final White-Tailed Deer Management Plan/EIS for Rock Creek Park. Their preferred alternative is a combination of both lethal and non-lethal actions. The plan must be released for a minimum of 30 days and then the NPS will issue a Record of Decision. This Record of Decision documents approval of the plan and selects the alternatives to be implemented. The plan/EIS is available on line at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=198&projectID=14330&documentID=44824>.

Printed copies are also available at the Rock Creek Nature Center, 5200 Glover Road, NW, Park HQ, 3545 Williamsburg Lane, NW and public libraries in Northwest and Northeast. For further information, call 202 895-6000.

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