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MENDELSON ANNOUNCES LATEST ROUND OF TOWN HALLS ON TAXES
Chair of Public Safety Committee Will Also Address Other Community Concerns

(Washington, DC) Today, Councilmember Phil Mendelson (D, At-Large) announced a series of five Town Hall meetings focusing on the District's recently announced tax assessments. The workshops are designed to both educate residents on the tax assessment process as well as help taxpayers utilize the appeal process. As Chairman of the Council's Committee on Public Safety & the Judiciary, Mendelson will also address any other community concerns as well as questions on public safety.

Representatives from the District's Office of Tax and Revenue will join Mendelson at each of the workshops to answer questions. This year's series of workshops marks the eighth consecutive year that Mendelson has held such meetings throughout the District. Since assessments generally declined this year, the locations for these Town Halls were selected based on their proximity to the neighborhoods with the lowest rate of decrease in their tax assessments. Residents have until April 1, 2010 to begin the appeals process if they feel the proposed 2011 assessment does not reflect the market value of their property.

"As it has in other jurisdictions, the economy continues to take its toll on homeowners in the District," stated Mendelson. "It is critical for residents to understand the complexities of the tax assessment process, and whether they might be able to appeal, save some money, and weather the storm - every little bit helps."

Along with providing tax assessment information, Councilmember Mendelson is currently engaged in a number of issues pertaining to public safety, job creation, and the District's financial health. Residents are encouraged to use these meetings as a forum to ask whatever's on their mind in their community.

Upcoming Town Halls

Monday, March 22nd

Watha T. Daniel/ Shaw Interim Library
945 Rhode Island Avenue, NW
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 23rd

Hardy Recreation Center
4500 Q Street, NW
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 27th

Chevy Chase Recreation Center
5601 Connecticut Avenue, NW
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Monday, March 29th

MPD 6th District HQ
100 42nd Street, NE
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 31st

Northeast Library
330 7th Street, NE
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM