



**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Councilmember White Appeals UMC Board Decision on Obstetrics Unit Closure

(WASHINGTON, D. C.) – Ward 8 Councilmember Trayon White released the following statement after the public roundtable on United Medical Center held on January 16, 2018:

"I am deeply disappointed that United Medical Center Board Chair LaRuby May did not attend at the UMC Board roundtable on its decision to permanently close the obstetrics unit. As well, May has previously refused to provide the Committee with critical information regarding the events surrounding the decision to close the UMC obstetrics unit. With obstetrical services terminating at United Medical Center and at Providence Hospital, Ward 8 residents are experiencing a critical health care crisis. This is unacceptable and I will work unceasingly until every District resident East of the River has access to reliable, first-rate, and comprehensive health care."

About Councilmember Trayon White

Councilmember Trayon White represents Ward 8 of the District of Columbia. He provides support and empowers people who suffer from the social impact of crime, violence, drug abuse, educational disparities and poverty. He is known for his common sense approach and business acumen to combat social ills in Ward 8. Councilmember White prides himself on being a servant leader and an example for young people, a mentor for many, and a support for all youth in Ward 8 and across Washington DC.

Trayon White was elected to the D.C. Council in November 2016 and serves on the Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization; Committee of the Whole; Committee on Education; Committee on Government Operations; Committee on Human Services; and Committee on Labor and Workforce.

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