



**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER TRAYON WHITE, SR., Ward Eight**

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Councilmember White Leads Protest Calling for Justice, Inclusion and Change for Ward 8 Residents in Bozzuto/Chapman Development

(Washington, D.C., March 9, 2018) — Councilmember Trayon White announced that he will lead a protest today in response to the continuous malpractice and faulty hiring/contracting processes of the Bozzuto and Chapman development in Ward 8. The protest will take place from 12pm-5pm at the construction site located at 2300 Martin Luther King, Ave. SE, Washington, D.C. 20020.

For over 3 months, the Councilmember has requested information from Bozzuto and Chapman on the development of the \$50 million project that was ambiguously acquired by Chapman Development in 2012 for only \$1.00. In addition to the cryptic acquisition of land, fallacious hiring processes have surfaced revealing unfair and unethical malpractice by Bozzuto and Chapman, leaving out Ward 8 residents from employment opportunities on the project.

After much due diligence, Councilmember White secured a meeting with developer, Tim Chapman, in which he requested a list of Ward 8 employees and subcontractors working on the development project. Chapman provided a list of 60 people, who were contacted by Councilmember White's administration to follow-up with best practices, however only 3 of the 60 people on the list were confirmed as actual employees. The remaining 57 contacts on the list denied having any employment status on the project at all. Councilmember White brought these alarming findings to Chapman, who agreed to reconvene a meeting with Bozzuto Construction to address the unacceptable inconsistencies, however the meeting was canceled and the issues were never addressed.

Councilmember White calls for justice and change from the Bozzuto, Chapman developers and Mayor Bowser's administration for Ward 8 residents. "They are not hiring locally and that's a problem for me," said Councilmember White. "We have capable businesses and construction companies in Ward 8. But, somehow we see people from Maryland and Virginia every day." Councilmember White urges

inclusion must be the solution, and he wants more skilled workers from Ward 8 involved in the project.

In a statement released yesterday from the Mayor's administration, Mayor Bowser will host a job fair with Chapman and Bozzuto next week. However, Councilmember White says this is not enough. With over 100 employment applications already submitted to Chapman and Bozzuto from Ward 8 residents, Councilmember White states, "We don't need a job fair, we need fair jobs and contracts for Ward 7 and 8 residents and businesses. We need to put an end to the "pay to play" politics in D.C."

The Councilmember will voice his demands for justice, inclusion, and fair employment opportunities for Anacostia residents and community members during today's protest.

Who: Councilmember Trayon White

What: Bozzuto/Chapman Community Protest

Where: 2300 Martin Luther King, Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20020.

When: Friday, February 9, 2018

Time: 12pm-5pm

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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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