



**MURIEL BOWSER**  
**MAYOR**

May 27, 2016

Councilmember Charles Allen  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Suite 406  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Councilmember Allen:

I am writing as a follow up to our conversation and your request for information regarding the suitability of 850 Delaware Ave, SW (the "Site") as the site for the Ward 6 short term family housing facility. As you will recall, at our first community meeting, neighbors pointed out the Site as an alternative for the plan. Our preliminary analysis suggests that this location can accommodate up to 50 units and a new and improved community medical clinic without the use of any federal property. Additionally, we have hired an Architect to conduct a "test fit" on the Site which will validate our cursory analysis. We have asked the Architect to expedite the review of the Site so that Council will have a preliminary sense of site suitability prior to its May 31 vote.

Another one of your concerns regarding suitability of the Site was the ability to commit to a Build First model regarding the redevelopment of Greenleaf Public Housing Community ("Greenleaf"). While the redevelopment of Greenleaf is a District of Columbia Housing Authority ("DCHA") initiative, I have met with Executive Director Adrienne Todman and with the assistance of my Administration, DCHA has identified other viable Build First alternatives within the immediate neighborhood other than the Site. My Administration is committed to working with DCHA to find a suitable alternative that maintains the commitment to Build First.

We believe this site meets the Council's priorities of locating facilities on government-owned land with more favorable zoning conditions and eliminates the concerns we shared with you regarding the federal government's and Bush Companies' approvals and construction feasibility of the 200 K St NW site.

Hopefully, this fully addresses any remaining concerns you may have about moving forward with the Site as the location for the Ward 6 short term family housing facility.



We look forward to continuing to work with you on our mutually shared goal of closing DC General as quickly as possible and acting in the best interest of the families who need us most.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B".

Muriel Bowser  
Mayor

cc: Honorable Chairman Phil Mendelson