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**Thomas Calls on Fenty Administration, Pepco to  
Underground Utility Lines on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NE**

**Washington, DC**—Ward 5 Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr. announced today that he has requested that the Fenty Administration and Pepco partner together to place underground the overhead utility lines along 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NE in Brookland, particularly along the business section of the corridor. In letters to Mayor Fenty and Pepco’s Regional President Thomas Graham, Councilmember Thomas noted that the city and Pepco have worked together on undergrounding utility lines in several other District neighborhoods as part of streetscape improvement initiatives, and that Brookland would similarly benefit.

Undergrounding utility lines makes neighborhoods and business districts more visually pleasing. It also reduces utility line maintenance costs, the number of weather and accident related utility disruptions, transmission losses due to the use of larger conductors, and greenhouse-gas emissions.

“Undergrounding utility lines on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NE is an infrastructure improvement that will benefit future generations of Washingtonians,” said Thomas. “It will also help us transform the Brookland Business District into vital, thriving neighborhood corridor.”

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