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Thomas Calls for Investigation of Ward 5 Power Outages, Arranges Discounted Hotel Accommodations for Impacted Seniors and Individuals With Health Issues

Washington, DC—Ward 5 Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr. today called for a full investigation into the large number of power outages occurring in Ward 5 during the current heat wave, and PEPCO’s slow response in addressing the outages. He also called for the District government to open more neighborhood-based cooling stations.

Councilmember Thomas has been conducting regular site visits to the neighborhoods of Ward 5 that have suffered from power outages. “We have a number of streets that have repeatedly lost electricity since the current the heat wave began last week,” said Thomas. “I am particularly concerned about the effect of these power outages on our seniors and residents with health issues.”

To assist Ward 5 seniors and residents with health conditions who are without electricity, Councilmember Thomas has made arrangements with area hotels to provide a deep discount for overnight accommodations. Ward 5 seniors and residents with health conditions who are without electricity can contact Victoria Leonard of Councilmember Thomas’ staff for more information. Victoria can be reached at 202.403.7866 or vleonard@dccouncil.us.

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