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Thomas to Issue Subpoenas to DMPED Staff Members David Jannarone and Jackie Glover to Appear Before Council on the Transfer of DPR Funds to DCHA

Washington DC—Ward 5 Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr., Chair of the Council’s Committee on Libraries, Parks and Recreation, today announced that he will issue subpoenas to Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development staff members David Jannarone, Director of Development, and Jackie Glover, Program Manager, requiring their appearance before the Committee regarding the transfer of Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) funds to the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA).

Mr. Jannarone and Ms. Glover failed to appear at the joint hearing held on Monday, November 16, 2009 inquiring into the transfers. Both Mr. Jannarone and Ms. Glover had received letters preceding the hearing requesting participation. Deputy Mayor Valerie Santos, who testified on November 16, informed the Committee that Mr. Jannarone had taken the day off and that Ms. Glover was out in the field and unavailable. In response to a request from Ward 8 Councilmember Marion Barry, Deputy Mayor Santos declined to order Mr. Jannarone and Ms. Glover to appear at the hearing. Councilmember Thomas called two short recesses during the hearing to enable Deputy Mayor Santos to contact her staff and request their attendance voluntarily to no avail.

“I am disappointed that Mr. Jannarone and Ms. Glover decided not to participate voluntarily in the Council’s inquiry into the transfer of DPR funds to DCHA, given their intimate involvement” stated Councilmember Thomas. “I look forward to their testimony, and I will continue until we get to the bottom of this and the truth emerges,” said Thomas.

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