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**Thomas Issues Subpoena to DPR Interim Director Hartsock to Appear Before Council on the Transfer of Agency Funds to the DC Housing Authority**

**Washington DC**—Ward 5 Councilmember Harry “Tommy” Thomas, Jr., Chair of the Council’s Committee on Libraries, Parks and Recreation, today issued a subpoena to Dr. Ximena Hartsock requiring her to appear before the Committee at 10 am on November 16, 2009 to testify regarding the transfer of Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) funds to the District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA). DPR representatives failed to appear at the joint hearings held on Friday, October 30, 2009 and Thursday, November 5, 2009 inquiring into the transfers. Dr. Hartsock had received letters preceding each hearing requesting participation.

The subpoena orders Dr. Hartsock to bring with her on November 16, 2009 all documents in her possession, custody, or control related to the transfer of authority and/or funds for capital projects from DPR to the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development (DMPED), DCHA, or any agent or subsidiary of DCHA, including the DC Housing Enterprises, from January 1, 2008 through the present, including all:

- Agreements and memoranda of understanding involving DPR capital funds since January 2008;
- E-mails, documents, and any other correspondence regarding the transfer of capital funds from DPR to DMPED;
- E-mails, documents and any other correspondence regarding the transfer of capital funds and/or authority from DPR to the DCHA and/or any of its agents or subsidiaries since January, 2008; and
- E-mails, documents and any other correspondence regarding Banneker Ventures, LLC and/or any of its agents or subsidiaries.

The subpoena notes that, if Dr. Hartsock fails to appear, the Council may refer the matter to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for an order compelling attendance or the production of the documents or items requested, and that failure to obey such an order may be punished as contempt of Court.

“I am disappointed that Dr. Hartsock chose not to participate voluntarily in the Council’s inquiry into the transfer of DPR funds to DCHA, some of which occurred during her watch,” stated Councilmember Thomas. “I look forward to Dr. Hartsock’s testimony on November 16. I will continue until we get to the bottom of this and the truth emerges,” said Thomas.

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