



## **THE BROWN BULLETIN**

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Dear Friends,

As you are aware, the rate of unemployment in the District of Columbia continues to rise, climbing to 11.1% this past August. Sadly, the rate of unemployment for younger workers and those residing east of the river is as high as 30% or more.

This is why I have worked to increase funding for adult job training as well as reinvigorate the Workforce Investment Council (WIC). This is also why I have most recently been working on rewriting our city's First Source law to place able, ready and willing District residents into the jobs that are currently going to those living as far away as West Virginia and North Carolina.

After months of meetings with both the business and labor communities, I believe we will be able to implement a true First Source bill, with real teeth, that will not only address the companies that receive government funding, but will actually have consequences for non-compliance. Additionally, the bill will create a District based workforce intermediary, a proven model for connecting employers with potential employees. I expect to move this legislation in the coming weeks to ensure that DC tax dollars are spent to support DC workers and their families.

As always, if there is anything my office or I can assist you with; do not hesitate to contact me directly at [mbrown@dccouncil.us](mailto:mbrown@dccouncil.us) or please call the office at 202-724-8105.

Sincerely,

Michael

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### **DC RALLY FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011**

**FREEDOM PLAZA- 14<sup>TH</sup> & PENNSYLVANIA AVE., NW**

**PRE-PROGRAM- 9:30 AM**

**RALLY BEGINS- 10:00 AM**

**MARCH BEGINS AT 11:00 AM AND ENDS AT 15<sup>TH</sup> AND CONSTITUTION AVE., NW**

## **Michael A. Brown to host Press Conference with the Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy**

This **Tuesday, October 11, 2011**, at noon, on the steps of the John A. Wilson Building, **Councilmember Michael A. Brown** and colleagues will join with the **DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy** at a press conference to highlight the continuing challenges the District of Columbia faces with teen pregnancy and its impact on the social and economic well being of our residents and the city at large. The Councilmember will discuss his commitment to encourage our teens to act responsibly, live healthy and make informed choices.

Recently, the District of Columbia has seen a reduction in the rates of pregnancies for teenage women aged 15-19 years old- thanks in large part to organizations like the DC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. However, rates in the District far exceed the national average.

Councilmember Michael A. Brown believes that every young person deserves a chance at success, which is much more difficult for a youth who becomes a teen parent. He understands that only through continued advocacy, quality education and outreach combined with public support and media exposure will we be able to reduce this trend.

Facts overwhelmingly show that the burden of such pregnancies fall on the taxpayer. Over 50% of the recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) started their families when they were teens. 76% of children placed in foster care were born to teen parents and sons of teen mothers are three times more likely to enter the criminal justice system. Frankly, teen pregnancy is a one way ticket to intergenerational dependence on government assistance and persistent poverty.

<http://www.dccampaign.org>

**WHAT: PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE STATE OF TEEN PREGNANCY IN DC**

**WHO: MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DC CAMPAIGN TO END TEEN PREGNANCY**

**WHERE: JOHN WILSON DISTRICT BUILDING,  
FRONT STEPS, 1350 PENN. AVE., NW**

**TIME: 12:00 NOON**

## DC LOTTERY ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY MEETINGS FOR iGAMING IMPLEMENTATION\*

The DC Lottery has rescheduled a series of community meetings to discuss the implementation of online intranet gaming. They will host a meeting in each ward throughout the city and following a presentation will answer questions from residents.

October 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WARD 5</b>	Lamond-Riggs Library, 5401 South Dakota Ave., NE	6:30PM- 8:30 PM
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WARD 4</b>	Petworth Library, 4200 Kansas Ave. NW	6:30PM- 8:30 PM
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WARD 7</b>	IDEA Public Charter School, 1027 45th St. NE	6:30PM- 8:30 PM
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>WARD 1</b>	Marie Reed Learning Center, 2200 Champlain St. NW	6:30PM- 8:30 PM
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WARD 3</b>	Palisades Library, 4901 V St. NW	6:30PM- 8:30 PM
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WARD 2</b>	Martin Luther King Library, 901 G St., NW	6:30PM- 8:30 PM
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WARD 8</b>	Anacostia Library, 1800 Good Hope Road SE	6:30PM- 8:30 PM
November 21 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WARD 6</b>	Eastern Market, North Hall, 225 7th St. SE	6:30PM- 8:30 PM

The procedure on how to testify and for further information, please visit the DC Lottery website. <http://dclottery.com/pdfs/igaming/CommunityMeetingProcedures.pdf>

\*Dates and locations have been scheduled by the DC Lottery and are subject to change, please visit <http://dclottery.com/AboutUs/igaminginfo.aspx> or call 202-645-8000 to confirm.



**Councilmember Michael A. Brown attended the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at Walker Memorial Baptist Church, 13<sup>th</sup> and U St., NW. Photos by Ronald G. Baker**

Councilmember Michael A. Brown Hosts ...

NAACP

*Welcome Reception*

Tuesday, October 25, 2011  
5:30PM

Wilson Building  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Suite 406  
Washington, DC 20004



NAACP  
WASHINGTON DC BRANCH

Meet the new leadership of the NAACP Washington, DC Branch.  
Join the NAACP by becoming a member today!

***Refreshments will be Served!***

Please RSVP by Thursday, October 20, 2011 to [naacp@naacpdc.org](mailto:naacp@naacpdc.org) or  
Contact the NAACP DC Branch Office at (202) 667-1700



Councilmember Michael A. Brown joined Ward 4 residents at the unveiling of the new recreation field for Shepherd Elementary on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**“Councilmember Michael A. Brown is a champion for an innovative and creative economy for the Washington Metropolitan area.”**

**George C. Koch, Center for a Creative Economy**

# **TED<sup>x</sup>WDC**

**x = independently organized TED event**

## **Saturday**

October 15, 2011

Time: 9am - 5:30pm

## **Closing Reception:**

5:30pm - 7pm

## **VIP Reception**

Friday

October 14, 2011

6pm - 8 pm

## **Location**

2012 Shannon Street, SE

## **For More Information**

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TEDxWDC will be held at The Innovation Box in Anacostia on October 15, 2011, running from 9:00am until 5:00pm. The theme of our TEDx event is *The Creative City: Creativity, Entrepreneurship and Innovation*. Our audience will consist of individuals highly interested in creative ideas and movements here in the Washington D.C. area.

TEDxWDC is an extension of the Center for the Creative Economy, which is a new non-profit cultural start up dedicated to promoting communication between the creative economic clusters in the city of Washington, D.C. The Center seeks to assist the 6 economic clusters, to form a stronger voice for creative thinkers and doers and establish strong bonds between creative, entrepreneurial and artistic individuals and groups in the city.

The Center seeks to build on the District's Creative Action Agenda (DCAA) which seeks to grow the more than 75,000 direct jobs in the District's creative sector, which generate more than \$5 billion in income each year. These jobs amount to more than 10 percent of the city's employment base and serve as a base point in working toward the District's creative economy goals. The Center seeks to support the city and help play a key role in supporting entrepreneurship, job creation and neighborhood revitalization, which are economic development and planning priorities for the District.

<http://tedxwdc.com/>

**JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR A WARD 7 OR WARD 8  
CERTIFIED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL [202.321.8437](tel:202.321.8437)**

**The Nannie  
Helen At 4800  
Informational &  
CBE  
Recruitment  
Meeting**



A. Wash & Associates, Bozzuto Construction and Blue Skye Construction invite Ward 7 & 8 CBE's to join us for this informative meeting and have the opportunity to jump in and get involved with this amazing project

**Location:**  
The Benning Library  
3935 Benning RD, NE  
Washington DC 20019



**Blue Skye Development  
and Construction**

**Date & Time:**

**Wednesday October 12, 2011 1:00 pm-3:00 pm**