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COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 4  
CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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To: Chairman Mendelson  
From: Councilmember Muriel Bowser  
Date: November 26, 2014  
Re: Emergency Measure for the December 2, 2014 Legislative Meeting

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I write to request the following measures be placed on the agenda for the December 2, 2014 Legislative Meeting.

- “Stevens School Disposition Emergency Declaration Act of 2014,”
- “Stevens School Disposition Emergency Act of 2014,” and
- “Stevens School Disposition Temporary Act of 2014.

On Friday, May 30, 2014, Proposed Resolution 20-820, the “*Stevens School Disposition Approval Resolution of 2014*” was introduced by Chairman Phil Mendelson at the request of the Mayor. The Resolution authorizes the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development to dispose of District-owned real estate located at 1050 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW in Washington, D.C., most commonly known as the Thaddeus Stevens School, and more specifically designated for tax and assessment purposes as Lot 876 in Square 73 (the “Property”). The Property is located in the West End neighborhood of Ward 2. The land area of the Property is estimated to be 30,620 square feet and is improved with the former Stevens School building consisting of approximately 41.882 square feet.

The legislation would dispose of the Property to a development team comprising the John Akridge Company, the Argos Group, and IvyMount School, Inc. The Development Team intends to (1) renovate and preserve the former school building to serve students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders and (2) develop a commercial office building on the adjacent vacant land. The school will be operated by IvyMount, a private, non-profit school currently located in Rockville, MD, that provides quality educational programs and therapeutic services to students with special needs from 4 to 21 years of age. Beyond teaching children, IvyMount at Stevens will operate as a training facility for DCPS teachers. The office building will contain approximately 132,000 square feet, including 8,000 square feet of retail uses.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A supports the proposed disposition.

Without this emergency action, the proposed disposition resolution will expire on December 15, 2014.