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PRESS CONFERENCE ON GREEN NEW DEAL FOR HOUSING, GREEN JOBS AND LEAD PIPE REPLACEMENT

WHO: Councilmember Janeese Lewis George
NAACP DC Branch
Empower
Sierra Club DC

WHAT: Rally and Press Conference

WHEN: Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 10:00AM

WHERE: Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

WHY: Ward 4 Councilmember Janeese Lewis George and five other Councilmembers introduced the Green New Deal for Housing Act to revolutionize how the District produces and preserves affordable housing by creating sustainable, climate-neutral social housing. Social housing is publicly-owned, mixed-income housing that generates deeper affordability by reinvesting rent payments in lowering costs for tenants and establishing more social housing across the city.

OTHER DETAILS:

Councilmember Lewis George also introduced the Green New Deal for a Lead-Free DC to accelerate the removal of hazardous lead water service lines on public and private land in DC, while also expanding the District's lead remediation specialist workforce with a new job training program through the Infrastructure Academy.

Akosua Ali, NAACP DC Branch President, stated, "Environmental and climate justice is a civil rights issue. Environmental injustices, housing injustice and lead exposure have disproportionately severe, health-impacts on lower-income, Black and Brown people in the District of Columbia. Not all residents in the District are equally impacted. Race, class, income, housing, healthcare access and privilege influence the health impacts of environmental toxins. Today affordable housing, Green Jobs and reducing Lead Exposure are critical to promote healthier communities."

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