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CITY NEEDS A UNIFIED SNOW EMERGENCY PLAN AND PROTOCOLS

Washington, DC (February 10, 2010) -- Anthony "Tony" Motley, Candidate for an At-Large seat on the District of Columbia's City Council in 2010 says that the City needs a unified snow emergency plan and communications protocol. According to Candidate Motley our plan and protocols in cases of emergency are out of line with having a comprehensive plan and protocols. "Over the last week I have heard announcements from various DC Councilmembers , the Mayor, our DC Delegate to Congress, and the Chancellor regarding the Blizzard of 2010. Everyone has been asking for different things to happen and from different people. It seems that there is no comprehensive plan with communications protocols on how we should deal with an emergency in our city", says Motley. Councilmembers Kwame Brown and Harry Thomas, Jr. have both asked the Mayor to declare a State of Emergency, and Councilmember Barry has asked the Mayor to ask the President to declare a State of Emergency. Congresswoman Norton has asked the President to call for a State of Emergency, and has given her justification for such action. However, as of this release we have not heard from the Mayor or the Chair of the City Council. According to Motley "this shows the need for the City to be better coordinated in both our responses and communications regarding situation like this". Given the fact that everyone has concerns about what is happening or not happening, and how things should get done and by whom, "there should be a coordinated response on behalf of our city leaders" Motley states. Candidate Motley is calling for the Mayor to call a meeting or conference call of all elected officials, non-profit, faith-based leaders, and heads of civic organizations, in order to go over the situation and look at how we are going to handle the dig out and recovery. ###

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