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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable Janeese Lewis George
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Councilmember Lewis George:

Thank you for your letter. The loss of any life in the District—particularly of a young person—is tragic, and we send our condolences to the family and friends of Karon Hylton-Brown. The investigation into the death of Karon Hylton-Brown by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia is ongoing. We recognize that the community has an interest in both a comprehensive investigation and an expeditious investigation, and we approach this investigation with those dual goals in mind. However, pursuant to our ethical obligations and Department of Justice guidelines designed to preserve the integrity of ongoing investigations, we are unable to provide further details pending its completion.

We value our partnership with you and the Council on matters of public safety and welcome the opportunity to discuss other public safety concerns in the District that would make the District a safer and more just city for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Channing D. Phillips".

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cc: Eleanor Holmes Norton, Congresswoman
Charles Allen, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Christopher Geldart, Acting Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice
Robert J. Contee III, Acting Chief, Metropolitan Police Department