

FRIENDS OF THE DC ARCHIVES

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Councilmember Muriel Bowser
Suite 110
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Councilmember Bowser:

Congratulations on your election as our next mayor. One of your responsibilities as mayor will be to manage the D.C. Archives which contains the history of this city where you and your deeply-rooted family have lived and worked. We in the Friends of the DC Archives look forward to working with you to develop the best archives the city can have.

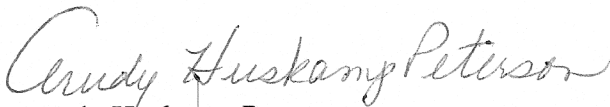
Now, however, we want to turn to an immediate issue for you. Your service on the D.C. City Council is an important part of the city's history. The records of your service will stand as a permanent marker of the years you served and the issues you cared about, and we know that you want them to be preserved.

The Friends of the DC Archives reminds you that the records of all city council members by law go to the DC Archives for preservation and, ultimately, for use by researchers and historians of the District, its people and its programs. We know that the Archives has contacted you about the transfer of your records, and we support their efforts. However, we know that the staff members of the Archives are stretched thin, not only because of the woeful lack of staff at the Archives but also because in this period of transition in the city government they must take in the records of all departing city officials, including the official records of the mayor and his appointees.

Consequently, if you would like assistance to help you pack and transfer your records to the Archives, please let us know and we will look for someone to work with your office and with the Archives in the coming weeks. Contact us at either archivesthp@aol.com or marybeth@marybethcorrigan.ne

Once again, thank you for your service to our city. We look forward to working with the Bowser Administration and helping you preserve the records of the city that you will lead.

Sincerely yours,



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and for Mary Beth Corrigan
Co-chairs, Friends of the DC Archives