



MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

November 9, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Williams
Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director
Federal City Council
1156 15th Street, NW, Suite 600
Washington DC 20005

Dear Mayor Williams:

It gives me great pleasure to support the Langston Initiative, a collaborative effort led by the Federal City Council (FCC) to improve the quality and function of the three federally-owned golf courses located within Washington, DC.

I support the proposed initiative because it reflects an approach that creates inclusion, affordability, and accessibility. A community-serving non-profit will be established by the FCC to ensure that local residents have access to a range of programming and amenities offered by the golf courses. Job training and employment opportunities will also be offered to District residents as a result of this initiative.

Under this proposal, the FCC would assume responsibility for the courses under the terms of a long-term lease with the National Park Service (NPS). The FCC would also be responsible for golf course operations and the capital improvement program that would maximize the use of the courses for recreation and tournament play.

We have the opportunity to not only foster community and economic development in our neighborhoods, but to improve federal resources to be enjoyed by thousands of residents and visitors each year as well.

The three golf courses owned by the National Park Service – Rock Creek Park Golf Course, East Potomac Park Golf Course, and Langston Golf Course, are all in need of substantial infrastructure investments. Through the Langston Initiative, the courses will receive these necessary investments, thereby restoring their roles as national recreational assets.

Washington, DC is committed to fostering the partnership of a strong, multi-faceted group of stakeholders that will ensure this project receives the adequate support it needs to move forward. As the District provides amenities to national visitors, it is important to ensure the federally-owned golf facilities be restored and preserved so that they can be enjoyed and admired for generations of residents and visitors to come.

Given the NPS's position as custodian of the courses, this initiative provides an excellent opportunity for the federal government to demonstrate its commitment to both its national parks and to the community it calls home in the NPS' centennial year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser".

Muriel Bowser
Mayor