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Christopher Geldart
Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Deputy Mayor Geldart:

I am writing to request additional information about the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice's ("DMPSJ") recent efforts towards advancing local control of parole. It is my understanding that DMPSJ initially engaged Michelle Bonner and Olinda Moyd – subject matter experts with decades of experience with the District's criminal justice system, and specifically with parole – as consultants to develop a plan for moving local control forward, but that you have since ended DMPSJ's relationship with those experts and transitioned to a contract with CNA for the same work.

As you know, local control of parole – and, ultimately, of our entire criminal justice system – remains a critical priority for the Committee, as I know it does for you and the Administration. It is absolutely imperative that the District moves with urgency to localize parole functions for our residents. As such, I'm heartened that DMPSJ has been taking steps to develop a path forward, albeit without the inclusion of the Council in this process. However, I want to ensure that, in doing so, the District engages our local experts and stakeholders appropriately so that the end result is one that meets the needs of the District and has broad community engagement. As such, I would appreciate a response to the following questions:

1. What is the nature of the agreement DMPSJ entered into with Ms. Bonner and Ms. Moyd to consult on the matter of local control of parole?
 - a. On what date did you enter into the agreement?
 - b. What was the scope of the agreement? What work was to be performed by Ms. Bonner and Ms. Moyd?
 - c. What was the agreed upon payment for the work performed?
 - d. What efforts were taken by Ms. Bonner and Ms. Moyd pursuant to this agreement?

- e. What work product has been produced by Ms. Bonner and Ms. Moyd? Who is currently in possession of this work product? Who owns this work product?
 - f. Has the agreement been terminated? If so, on what date? And for what reason?
 - g. Has payment to Ms. Bonner and Ms. Moyd been made? If not, why not?
2. What is the nature of DMPSJ's relationship with CNA, including relating to the issue of local control of parole? Has DMPSJ entered into an agreement with CNA to consult on this matter?
- a. Who are the members of CNA's team, and what are their professional backgrounds?
 - b. On what date did you enter into an agreement?
 - c. What is the scope of the agreement?
 - d. What is the agreed upon payment to CNA for the work to be performed?
 - e. What efforts have been made by CNA pursuant to this agreement, to date?
 - f. What work product has been produced thus far by CNA? Who is in possession of this work product? Who owns this work product?
 - g. What is the relationship between Ms. Bonner, Ms. Moyd, and CAN, and specifically with regard to work product?
3. What was the rationale underlying DMPSJ's decision to hire CNA for this work?
- a. Does CNA have expertise in the area of parole? In the District's criminal justice system?
 - b. What stakeholder input, if any, was involved in the decision to hire CNA?
 - c. What contracting process was undertaken in the hiring decision?
 - d. What other organizations or parties, if any, were considered for the work?
4. What is the status of DMPSJ's and the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's efforts to convene an interagency working group to discuss the proposed structure and process for assuming local control of parole and supervised release functions?

Thank you for your continued partnership on autonomy and control of our justice system, and I look forward to your responses. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Sonia Weil, Senior Legislative Counsel, at sweil@dccouncil.us.

Sincerely,



Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember
Chairperson, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety