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**Real Estate Trade Group Endorses May for DC Council**

**Washington, DC** - The Metropolitan Political Action Committee - DC (METPAC-DC), the political action committee of the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA), has endorsed Ward 8 Council Candidate LaRuby May for the April 28 special election. The endorsement was announced by Peter J. Bonnell, Principal, The UIP Companies, Inc., who chairs METPAC's advisory committee for the District.

"The primary consideration for us was May's perspective on critical issues for the real estate and broader business communities, including affordable housing and the District's competitive position in the region," Bonnell said. "May understands the importance of a public-private partnership to the future of the District and will be a vocal and important voice for fiscal responsibility, economic expansion and workforce development."

"As the Executive Director of Vision of Victory Community Development Corporation, where she developed 91 units of affordable housing for seniors, May recognizes that the District's multifamily and office building sectors are essential to the city's continued economic well-being. Her experience serving on the DC Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as one of the youngest women to lead a large housing authority in the nation has provided her with the ability to grasp the complexities of and challenges presented by an evolving and contracting real estate market and that policy initiatives and market conditions in neighboring jurisdictions can have implications for the District's economy. May also appreciates that AOBA members, along with the broader business community, provide jobs and homes for District citizens and contribute substantially to the District's revenues through taxes and fees.

"It is important to have Councilmembers who understand that examining the impact of legislative and regulatory initiatives on the District's reputation as an attractive place to do business and ultimately its continued financial stability is just as essential as reviewing the impact they will have on the public at large," Bonnell added. "We are confident that May will be an informed advocate on the Council for fair and balanced legislation affecting all stakeholders, including the real estate industry."

AOBA's members own and/or manage 49,000 apartment units and almost eighty million square feet of commercial office space in the District of Columbia.

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