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Mayor Launches Commission on Food and Nutrition

DC Agencies, Experts in Nutrition, Community Representatives and Food Advocates Will Advise Mayor and Council on Food and Nutrition Programs

(Washington, DC) Members of the newly established Mayor's Commission on Food and Nutrition will be sworn in and conduct their first meeting on Wednesday, July 13th. The Commission will advise the mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia on the policy, nature and extent of food and nutrition programs in the District. This will include food served in DC public, charter, parochial and private schools, programs for seniors and shelters. The panel will also explore ways to encourage better eating habits for all DC residents.

The 21 voting members, appointed by Mayor Anthony Williams include representatives from the DC State Education Office, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Office on Aging, Department of Parks and Recreation, DC public and charter schools, providers of nutrition and feeding services, community representatives, food advocates and experts in nutrition and nutrition feeding programs.

“While DC has made great strides in combating hunger, the advent of the Mayor's Commission on Food and Nutrition will bring a more structured, collaborative approach to food and nutrition programs in the District”, acting State Education Officer Deborah A. Gist said. “The establishment of the Commission is consistent with the Mayor's objective of delivering quality food and nutrition programs to the District.”

The State Education Office will provide administrative and technical support to the Commission.

Robert Egger, Executive Director of the DC Central Kitchen will be Chairperson. The Vice-Chair will be Kimberly Perry, Director of the D.C. Hunger Solutions.