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H.O.T.E.L. Endorses Muriel Bowser for Mayor

(Washington, DC) Today, The Hotel Association's Political Action Committee, H.O.T.E.L. (Hotel Organization to Elect Leaders), has announced its endorsement of Councilmember Muriel Bowser (D) for Mayor of Washington, D.C., for the November 4, 2014 General Election.

The hotel and travel industry is vital to the economic growth of the Nation's Capital. H.O.T.E.L. determined that Councilmember Bowser's experience as Chair of the Economic Development Committee, and previously the Government Operations Committee, has positioned her to recognize the importance of the hospitality industry and continue to advance policies that will have a positive impact on attracting travelers to our city.

Additionally, H.O.T.E.L. has also endorsed the following candidates for the 2014 General Election:

- Chairman Phil Mendelson (D), Council Chairman
- Councilmember Anita Bonds (D), At-Large
- Robert White (I), At-Large

Hotels in the District account for \$207 million in tax collections to the District each year, with \$1.9 billion spent on lodging annually in Washington D.C. H.O.T.E.L. represents the interests of the hotel industry in the District of Columbia to elected officials. H.O.T.E.L. seeks to support candidates who acknowledge the contributions of the hotel industry to the District. "Upon careful deliberation our PAC has determined that these candidates support policies that recognize our industry's economic contributions, as well as will work collaboratively with our industry to create practical compromises to best serve the residents, businesses and travelers to the District." says Thomas Penny, General Manager, Courtyard by Marriott Convention Center and Chairman of H.O.T.E.L.