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## **Mayor Eugene W. Grant Representing A City of Excellence, Testifies at the DC Council's Hearing in Favor of the Prostitution Free Zone Amendment Act of 2011**

Seat Pleasant, MD – Today Mayor Eugene W. Grant gave testimony in front of the District of Columbia Committee on the Judiciary in favor of Bill 19-567, Prostitution Free Zone Amendment Act of 2011. Mayor Grant opened the hearing by stating “I am coming before this legislative body as your neighbor, friend and former resident of Ward 7, here in Washington, DC...However, I am very concerned about the activity of prostitution that continues to be a blemish that stains the good image of our beloved nations’ Capital.” This legislation was introduced by Council Member Yvette Alexander of Ward 7 to address the growing issues of crime and indecency surrounding the prostitution epidemic that has plagued both Prince Georges County and Washington, DC, especially along the Eastern Avenue corridor which connects Washington DC and Prince Georges County.



*Mayor Eugene W. Grant Testifies in Favor of the DC Council's Prostitution Free Zone Amendment Act of 2011 while Council Member Yvette Alexander and Council Member, Judiciary Committee Chairman Phil Mendelson listen in.*

“The taxpaying and law abiding citizens, residents, businesses and tourist should not have to be subjected to some of the lowest forms of human indecency. It is offensive and sets the wrong tone for what we expect as a community where we rear our children, attend our religious services, spend our hard earned money and recreate ourselves for pleasure and leisure,” stated Mayor Grant who went on to discuss the advances made by the Prince Georges County Council to pass its own Prostitution Free Zone Act which was unanimously passed November 15, 2011 and went into effect in our county yesterday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The legislation was introduced by Prince Georges County Chairwoman Andrea Harrison of District 5, who listened to the repeated concerns of her citizens, saw a need for change and took action against the blight of prostitution and the crime associated with prostitution in our community.

Mayor Grant closed his testimony by stating “If the legislation you consider today passes, then during prostitution peak hours which are between 3am and 9am, Washington’s and Prince George’s County children will no longer be exposed to this kind of behavior. We will effectively and seriously disrupt the open prostitution enterprise within our neighborhoods. This becomes another effective tool in our arsenal to combat criminal activity in our communities and most specifically prostitution.”

To view Mayor Eugene W. Grant’s full testimony [click here](#).

Eugene W. Grant is currently serving his 8th year as mayor of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence. During his 8 years as mayor, he has successfully tripled the size of the Police Department, reduced crime by 33%, improved the infrastructure of the city, ended each year with a surplus and raised thousands of dollars for the local elementary school. Mayor Grant serves as the Chairman of the Board for Health Empowerment Network of Maryland, Inc., President of the Maryland Black Mayor’s Community Development Corporation, Inc., Chief Executive Officer for Global Developmental Services for Youth, Inc. and member numerous other organizations both domestically and internationally. You can follow Mayor Grant on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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