



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
*Office of Communications and Community Outreach*

**\*\*\*Press Release\*\*\***

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**DHCD DIRECTOR KELLY SENDS CONDOLENCES TO THE BARRY FAMILY**  
*The Department mourns the passing of a prolific leader and profound humanitarian.*

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**WASHINGTON, DC** – The DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Director Michael P. Kelly sends sincere condolences to the family of Marion Barry.

*“This was a leader who fought for the well-being, equality, and progression of the residents of the District of Columbia. As the Mayor he positioned this city for greatness,” said Kelly. “As a Councilmember he was the voice of the unheard and the fist for the weak – for that we all say thank you. You are the benchmark for which all will be measured. May your soul rest in peace and your legacy live on for eternity.”*

During his time on the DC Council, Barry served as the Chairman of the Housing and Workforce Development Committee and worked with DHCD to ensure that the varying housing needs of District residents were met. Media seeking interviews with Director Kelly can coordinate with the media contact outlined above.

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*The mission of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is to create and preserve opportunities for affordable housing and economic development and to revitalize underserved communities in the District of Columbia.*