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DCBOE Visits Department of Corrections to Educate Emerging Residents

WASHINGTON, DC, On Friday, August 16, a member of the DC Board of Elections (DCBOE) voter outreach and education division, in conjunction with the DC Office of Human Rights (OHR), visited the Department of Corrections (DOC), Central Treatment Facility (CTF), to help educate emerging residents on their voting rights. This visit was planned and executed as a combined effort between DCBOE, OHR and DOC and marks the launch of what all involved agencies hope will be an ongoing partnership, with visits to additional communities occurring on a regular basis.

In attendance were members of the Young Men Emerging (YME) community and the Better and Beyond Program for Women. Leadership within CTF designed YME in response to the unique developmental needs of young adult men as they re-enter their communities. Similarly, the Better and Beyond Program is intended to provide gender specific needs for women within CTF.

Given that registration and participation in the electoral process are important features of meaningful community participation, DCBOE's information and education session fit well within the objectives of the two programs. A total of 34 emerging residents (25 women, 9 young men) attended the presentation and were informed that they will be eligible to register and vote upon release from CTF, regardless of their record or probationary status. DCBOE plans to return to DOC to meet with additional residents in the coming months.

As a result of the day's events and presentations, CTF residents left feeling both empowered and informed on their voting rights. All residents were encouraged to contact the DCBOE with any questions regarding their voter eligibility.

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