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### **UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S HONORS FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER CHAVOUS**

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Washington, D.C. — leadership of the University of the District of Columbia formally thanked former District Councilmember Kevin P. Chavous for his leadership, dedication and distinguished service to the University while serving as Chairman of the Council's Education Committee and councilmember from Ward 7. The chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., and University President William L. Pollard cited Mr. Chavous' leadership and vision as critical elements to the success of the only public university in the nation's capital.

In presenting a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Chavous, Chairman Ogletree reflected that steadfast support was critical in seeing the University through difficult times. "(He) was always there for us," said Ogletree.

President Pollard added that Mr. Chavous had a deep understanding and appreciation of the unique mission of the University of the District of Columbia. "Kevin Chavous was a sympathetic ear and a steadfast backer for what we are trying to do. I'll miss his leadership, but look forward to the continued support of Kevin Chavous, private citizen."



The University's Undergraduate Student Association echoed the praises of Chairman Ogletree and President Pollard. Undergraduate Student Government President Bernard Grayson, Jr. also presented Mr. Chavous with a Certificate of Appreciation.

In accepting this recognition, Chavous reflected on his early awareness of the importance of the University of the District of Columbia to the citizens of the District of Columbia. "During the course of discussions with other first-year law students (at Howard University), it became clear to me that UDC was for many their only shot. The District needs the University of the District of Columbia."

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