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Commissioner Anne Sullivan
Mr. Daniel N. Carozza
Ms. Suzette M. Hemberger

Dear Commissioner Sullivan, Mr. Carozza, and Ms. Hemberger:

Thank you for your letter describing the issuance of an RFP for a public-private partnership at the Tenley-Friendship Library and Janney Elementary School, and for requesting an investigation of how the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development made the decision to issue the RFP.

I believe that the citywide issues of how decisions regarding economic development and the disposition of public land are made merits review and examination. Our focus on these issues will be considered for future audit work. However, due to competing priorities at this time, the Office of the Auditor does not have resources available to specifically investigate the Tenley-Friendship Library and Janney Elementary School RFP. The conflict-of-interest issues that you raise are important, but fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Office of Campaign Finance, which is located at 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 433, and can be reached at (202) 671-0547.

Thank you for bringing these issues to my attention. If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-727-3600.

Respectfully,

Deborah K. Nichols

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