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# Mayor Gray and Deputy Mayor Miller Join WC Smith and Warrenton Group to Celebrate the Opening of 2M Street

*Part of New Communities Initiative, Project Offers Quality Affordable Housing in NoMa*

**(WASHINGTON, D.C.)** – Mayor Vincent C. Gray, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development M. Jeffrey Miller, New Communities Director Kimberly Black King, Chris Smith of WC Smith and The Warrenton Group celebrated the opening of 2M Street on Wednesday, September 24, 2014. 2M Street is a 12-story, 314-unit mixed-income residential building in the NoMa neighborhood.

Part of the city's New Communities Initiative, 2M includes 93 affordable units, with 59 units set aside for residents of the former Temple Courts public housing complex. The remaining affordable units are for residents earning 60 percent of the Area Medium Income (AMI).

**"2M Street exemplifies the ongoing efforts by my administration to ensure residents of all income levels have quality affordable housing,"** said Mayor Gray. **"We are thrilled to cut the ribbon on this amazing location as it symbolizes our push towards creating thriving neighborhoods that are also inclusive."**

The project has exceeded local hiring and Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) requirements. WCS Construction and its subcontractors have hired 52 District residents as new hires, and transferred 160 District residents from other construction jobs that were winding down. Roughly 57% of the companies hired for the project were DC CBE firms.

"We are pleased to be celebrating the opening of 2M today with the community that helped bring this project to completion," said Chris Smith, Chairman and CEO of WC Smith. "We are also proud of the local hiring that has been done on this job, and also of the many environmentally-friendly features in the building."

2M Street, located two blocks from the NoMa-Gallaudet Metro Station and three blocks from Union Station, features top quality appliances, a roof top pool, a fitness center, an indoor basketball court, and a theatre room. It also has a spacious landscaped courtyard, a private dog park, and a bicycle room. 2M is a green building, with rainwater harvesting, a green roof, highly efficient plumbing fixtures, solar panels and electric car charging stations. The ground floor will include 4,100 square feet of retail space.

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