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private speaking engagements, Clinton has referred frequently to the challenges facing the residents of the lead-poisoned city – a once bustling factory town long in decline that in addition to widespread poverty and unprecedented unemployment now faces a state-declared man-made emergency because of undrinkable tap water.

Former secretary of state and first lady Clinton, scheduled to tour the city with Mayor Weaver, spoke to Flint residents at the House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, and then traversed the city listening to personal testimonies, requests and complaints in order to learn more about the state of the crisis.

Weaver, during an MSNBC televised interview on Sunday, said Clinton has promised to help in every way possible including adding pressure on Congress to approve a bill that would allow for federal funding to help the city deal with its water crisis.

“We’ve been waiting for the state [of Michigan] for almost two years to come in here and fix this problem,” Weaver said. “We can’t wait any longer.”

Clinton spoke with the Washington Informer from Flint by telephone following her tour and a host of meetings with clergy, elected officials, the mayor and residents of the city.

“I was honored to be asked to come to Flint by the city’s mayor as she continues her valiant effort to draw national attention to the tragedy here,” Clinton said. “This is not merely unacceptable and wrong but also immoral. The children of Flint are just as precious as children in any other place and they’re deserving of health care and a quality education.”

“We still don’t know how many will be effected or the challenges that they will face in the future. But we do know that action is needed immediately. During my visit here, I had the opportunity to address a large congregation at the House of Prayer where their pastor and others remain committed to bringing about positive change.”

“I hear that both senators from Michigan are proposing a \$200 million bill and Congress should pass that bill. Then we

need to figure out how to initiate more medical testing and also institute educational support so that everyone, especially the children here, are better equipped to cope with the long term effects of lead poisoning. The state of Michigan also needs to step up to the plate.”

Clinton added that it’s vital that a bright line be shined on Flint.

“What happened here was so egregious – officials knew what was going on and they ignored it, they remained indifferent to it – this particular crisis deserves as much attention as possible. First things first – everyone deserves clean air and clean water,” she said as she prepared to return to New Hampshire in order to campaign for the final days before the state holds its presidential primary elections.

Weaver has recently begun promoting a private-public partnership that would fund a complete pipe system replacement but she also remains highly critical of state officials, particularly Governor Rick Snyder, who she says knew about the foul, lead-poisoned water but chose to look the other way because of the costs related to overhauling the pipe system.

Clinton campaign chairman, John Podesta, in an earlier statement, said, “We should use the spotlight of the presidential campaign to keep the focus on Flint and to lift up the historic underlying issues that Flint and too many other predominantly low-income communities of color across American are struggling with each day.”

During the latest Democratic presidential debate, held a week ago and aired by MSNBC, Rachel Maddow, who served as the moderator, asked Clinton if she would launch a federal response. Clinton said she would “absolutely” while also seeking remedies to the myriad of burdens now faced by Flint residents.

“That includes fixing their pipes, it includes guaranteeing whatever health care and educational embellishments they may need going forward and I think the federal government has ways where it can bill the state of Michigan,” Clinton told Maddow. “If Michigan won’t do it, there have to be ways that we can begin to move, and then make them pay for it and hold them accountable.” **WI**



NOTICE OF DISCOUNT SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTIES

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OFFICE OF TAX AND REVENUE

Notice is hereby given that all real properties, which were bid back to the District of Columbia during the July 2015 Real Property Tax Sale and were not sold at the subsequent special deed sale and have not been redeemed, will be offered for sale by the Office of Tax and Revenue (“OTR”) to the highest bidder at public auction (“Discount Sale”). The Discount Sale will be conducted pursuant to DC Official Code § 47-1353(b), which permits OTR to sell a real property for less than the total amount of delinquent taxes.

The Discount Sale will begin on March 14, 2016, from 8:30 AM until 12:00 PM and from 1:00 PM until 4:30 PM, and will continue every day thereafter (legal holidays excepted) at the stated times until all real properties are sold. The sale will occur at 1101 4th Street, SW, Suite W250, Washington, DC. A list of all real properties arranged in ascending square, suffix, and lot, and parcel and lot, number orders may be found on OTR’s Web site www.taxpayerservicecenter.com by clicking on “Real Property” and then “Real Property Tax Sale.” The name of the owner of record of each real property is stated. The specific amount of delinquent real property tax is indicated for each specified period (delinquent special assessments may be viewed in the real property assessment database search page of this Web site). Certain real properties on this list do not have street addresses; therefore, none can be provided. A real property without a street address is generally stated on this list as having a “0” as a street address number. The best description of a real property typically is its square, suffix and lot, or parcel and lot, numbers, viewed on a property map (e.g. DC Atlas Plus, found at <http://atlasplus.dcgis.dc.gov>). Real properties may be removed from this list at the discretion of OTR.

At the Discount Sale, the opening bid for each real property will be \$300, regardless of the amount of delinquent taxes owing by the real property. Each real property will be sold to the highest bidder. After successfully foreclosing the right of redemption in the Superior Court, and after having paid all taxes and liabilities becoming liens after March 11, 2016, the successful purchaser will be awarded a tax deed to the respective real property. The real property will be free and clear of all prior taxes owing by the real property to a District taxing agency. A purchaser at the Discount Sale acts at his or her own risk, and must exercise due diligence in selecting real properties upon which to bid.

After the Discount Sale, a listing of successful purchasers, the corresponding real property descriptions, the total amounts of taxes owing for which the real properties were sold, and the purchase amounts shall be published on OTR’s Web site www.taxpayerservicecenter.com. The purchaser shall monitor tax payment schedules provided by OTR on its Web site, and shall surrender the certificate of sale to receive a refund if the real property taxes, vault rents, BID taxes, liens certified pursuant to D.C. Code § 47-1340, and fees and charges payable to OTR on account of the real property are paid.

Registration for the Discount Sale, which is mandatory, begins March 7, 2016 and continues until all the real properties are sold. The registration form must be completed and filed with OTR. To register, visit OTR’s Customer Service Administration – Walk-In Center at: 1101 4th Street, SW, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC. Prior to bidding on a real property at the Discount Sale, a purchaser must have made a deposit with the Cashier’s Office of the D.C. Treasurer of at least 20% of the real property’s purchase price. Purchasers are also required to complete Form FR-500, Combined Business Tax Registration Application, prior to registering. This form can be found on OTR’s Web site www.taxpayerservicecenter.com under “Tax Forms/Publications.” A purchaser who registered for the cancelled January 25, 2016 Discount Sale and who has not requested a refund of the deposit is considered registered for this Discount Sale.

PAYMENT OF THE ENTIRE BID AMOUNT IS DUE BY MARCH 21, 2016 (DATE OF CONCLUSION OF THE SALE). IF FINAL PAYMENT IS NOT TIMELY RECEIVED, THE SALE OF THE REAL PROPERTY WILL BE VOIDED. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE TO THE D.C. TREASURER BY CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, CASHIER’S CHECK, OR POSTAL MONEY ORDER. (PERSONAL AND BUSINESS CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED). THE CASHIER’S OFFICE OF THE D.C. TREASURER IS LOCATED AT: 1101 4TH STREET, SW, 1ST FLOOR, WASHINGTON, DC 20024. The Cashier’s Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM.

The tax sale procedures are explained in OTR’s brochure, District of Columbia 2016 Discount Tax Sale Frequently Asked Questions. This brochure may be found on OTR’s Web site www.taxpayerservicecenter.com under “Real Property” and by clicking on “Real Property Tax Sale.”

A person with a communication impairment requiring an interpreter for the Discount Sale shall notify OTR of the need for an interpreter no later than March 7, 2016. Please contact OTR at (202) 727-4TAX(829) or via email at taxsale@dc.gov, or visit our Customer Service Center at 1101 4th St., SW, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC.