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INVITATION TO COVER

Mayoral Candidate Fattah to speak at “Weed & Seed” Program *Saturday Speech highlights weekend of taking action*

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Mayoral Candidate Chaka Fattah will announce the award of an innovative crime-fighting \$294,000 federal grant for West Philadelphia at the 7th annual Weed and Seed Project pastors’ and spouses’ breakfast Saturday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. at Haddington Multi-Service Center.

The grant will benefit the City of Philadelphia’s Weed and Seed Project. The city program links law enforcement efforts to “weed out” criminals with economic development programs to “seed” the community with job creation, anti-blight and other opportunity-based efforts.

The grant, developed by Congressman Fattah, comes from the Economic Development Initiative program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The city has plans for a vendors’ mall at N. 52nd Street and Wyalusing Avenue, with entrepreneurial training for young adults in the community.

“Fighting crime involves supporting our police – and more. It means providing our young people with real opportunities in the work force and in our neighborhoods so they don’t turn to crime in the first place,” Congressman Fattah said.

Weed and Seed treats the root causes of crime, Fattah said. “I am pleased to be able to play a role by securing these funds and bringing these resources home for our city.”

WHEN: Saturday, January 20th – 10 a.m.

WHAT: Chaka Fattah will announce a \$294,000 grant from H.U.D.’s Economic Development Initiative program as the featured speaker at the West Philadelphia Weed and Seed Project pastors’ and spouses’ breakfast.

WHERE: Haddington Multi-Services Center
5331 Haverford Avenue
West Philadelphia

(See Page 2 for Congressman Fattah’s schedule January 20-22)

SUNDAY, January 21

WHEN: Sunday, January 21st – 8:30 a.m.

WHAT: Chaka Fattah delivers keynote
58th Annual Men's Day Celebration Breakfast

WHERE: Janes Memorial United Methodist Church
47 East Haines St., Germantown

MONDAY, January 22

EXCELLENT VISUALS

WHEN: Monday, January 22nd – Noon

WHAT: Chaka Fattah visits and tours Associated Services for
the Blind and Visually Impaired to launch celebration
of Braille Literacy Week.

*Fattah will receive a demonstration in Braille techniques
from a blind reader, he will meet a seeing eye dog and he
will tour the agency's Braille Production Department.*

WHERE: 919 Walnut Street Center City

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