



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **"2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GUNS ASIDE MONTH" ENDS WITH OPEN DISCUSSION AT BAR NUN REGARDING RECENT MURDERS AND CRIME IN WARD ONE ROOT, INC OPENS NEW OFFICE AT 811 FLORIDA AVE, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20001**

**WHO:** ROOT (Reaching Out to Others Together) Inc. and Councilmember Jim Graham, in collaboration with Dee Hunter, Chair ANC1B, Myla Moss ANC1B, Phil Spalding ANC1B, Bryan Martin Firvada, Scott Pomeroy, Tamrat Medhin, Candida Mannozi, Zak Pollert, One Common Unity, Bar Nun, and Cease Fire Don't Smoke the Brothers. Participating Organizations include the LeDroit Park Civic Association, CSNA, ANC1B, MidCity Business Association, 9<sup>th</sup> St. Business Owners, HRP 9<sup>th</sup> and U, Public Safety 305, and 3<sup>rd</sup> District MPD.

**WHAT:** Guns Aside month open discussion group from 7-9 PM followed by Open MIC night featuring live performance by the Phonics and guest appearance by Joel Segal, senior level congressional staffer.

**WHEN:** Monday, January 29, 2007, 6:30 pm doors open

**WHERE:** Bar Nun 1326 U St. NW, Washington, DC

**WHY:** The District is currently experiencing a decrease in crime. However, crime and violence continues to escalate in Ward 1. From the recent robberies of local business owners to the tragic homicide of a 17 year old at a night club, Ward 1 and in particular the 3<sup>rd</sup> district, has become the most crime ridden ward and precinct in the District of Columbia. Now a part of the neighborhood, ROOT Inc in collaboration with Councilmember Jim Graham seeks to offer proactive solutions to beleaguered businesses and residents within the U Street corridor. The open discussion will candidly address issues head-on and develop proactive strategy to reduce levels of crime.

The D.C.'s City Council presented a resolution to proclaim the month of January the second annual "Guns Aside Month. "Guns Aside is an initiative under the auspices of ROOT (Reaching Out to Others Together), Inc. to directly address the epidemic of gun violence claiming so much lives and affecting so many families in our city and throughout the nation.

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