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CHAIRMAN MENDELSON RESPONDS TO NOOSES FOUND ACROSS DISTRICT

WASHINGTON, DC – DC Council Chairman Mendelson is deeply disturbed after learning yet another noose was found in the District, this time in the Hillcrest neighborhood on Sunday.

"One incident is unacceptable and the fact that this is the fourth occurrence of these racist symbols is outrageous," Mendelson said. "I can't help but wonder whether this is an unfortunate reaction to some of the hateful rhetoric being spewed by our federal leaders."

DC Police are investigating yesterday's discovery near Beers Elementary School, at the African American History Museum and outside the Hirshhorn Museum.

"I am confident the Police Department is doing everything in its power to find those who are responsible," Mendelson added. "These incidents are terrorist acts and they will not be tolerated in the District."

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