

the middle of the Anacostia River.

This nest of Democrats, linked to Gore and bankrolled by Lazard/Katharine Graham, have aligned themselves with the Bush/Lott Republicans, to wreck the health care delivery system in the nation's capital, a crime for which, LaRouche vowed, they will be held accountable.

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## D.C. General Hospital

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# A Matter of Life and Death for All Americans

*The following is a "Fraternal Letter to the City Council of Washington, D.C.," from the Mayor and City Council of Camden, New Jersey, released on June 8.*

Greetings to the City Council of Washington, D.C.

We, the Mayor and City Council of Camden, New Jersey, have watched carefully the fight you are involved in in Washington, D.C. to keep open the only public hospital in our nation's capital—D.C. General Hospital. The question of access to health care by the poor is a matter of life and death in cities around America. Your fight for conscience and responsibility in defending the health of your citizens in our national capital is a lesson to us all. Attached is a copy of the resolution we passed here in Camden, supporting the fight for D.C. General Hospital.

There is another essential issue that connects our concern with yours.

We note that your unanimous decision to keep D.C. General open as a full-service, fully funded hospital was overruled by an unelected Financial Control Board. Our City Council in Camden is currently in an unprecedented fight to defend the constitutional right to self-government—and the right of elected governments to retain their power against the "stealth dictatorship" of private, financially motivated groups. In this question, as well, we are very concerned with your fight in Washington, D.C. If the elected government in our nation's capital cannot act for the General Welfare of its citizens—because they have been stripped of their power to do so—then the Constitution has been destroyed for us all.

Camden has also been under the control of a financial control board for several years. However, this month, a bill was revived in the New Jersey State Legislature to put our city under the total control of an unelected body. This bill, S2499, would offer our city some money—to be distributed to various groups, to secure their allegiance and to gentrify our city—in exchange for our ceding all powers of elected government to a "chief operating officer" appointed by the

state. The administration of our city, according to this bill, would be turned over to the Delaware River Port Authority—a business group that operated between New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with the oversight of a state-appointed judge as "special master." Whoever heard of a city being administered by an appointed officer, a River Port Authority, and a judge?

There are many entities involved in concocting such scenarios. Reference has been made here to the "Urban Institute." We understand that the Urban Institute has connections to your D.C. Agenda, which we understand has played a major role in the move to shut down D.C. General Hospital. We also understand that Katharine Graham of the *Washington Post* is the vice president of the Urban Institute. Thus, we see that both your city and ours are being threatened from the same quarters. There are many other similarities in these attempts.

Today, our City Council and Mayor held a rally soundly rejecting this neo-colonial move to disenfranchise our citizens. We will never surrender on this point—history will not allow us to do so. . . . We are counting on you to take this fight to the U.S. Congress, in hopes of securing a Congressional Briefing on these threats to elected government. We firmly support the Congressional resolution to keep D.C. General Hospital open and healthy.

We are, again, in full solidarity with your City Council in this fight—realizing that what you do affects us all.

Best wishes to our brothers and sisters in Washington, D.C.

Towards a more perfect union,  
Ali Sloan El, Sr.  
Councilman, Ward 2B  
Special Liaison to Washington, D.C.

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## The U.S. Embassy Bombings

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# What the FBI Knew or Should Have Known

On May 29, four so-called Islamist terrorists, Wadih El-Hage, Mohammed Sadeek Odeh, Mohamed Rashed Al-Owahli, and Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, were convicted in a Manhattan Federal court of conspiring with Osama bin Laden, the leader of the Al-Qaeda terrorist organization, and 17 co-defendants, to kill American nationals outside of the United States. That case is related to the bombing of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania on Aug. 8, 1998. Three others, Khalid Al-Fawwaz, Ibrahim Eidarous, and Adel Abdel Bari, are waiting to be extradited from Britain, but the British Supreme Court has refused to allow it, pending their appeals.

The defendants, as the trial has shown, were obviously