

DC for Democracy
Obama for Change

1. Tell us something about your slate, including why your slate is running.

WHY WE ARE RUNNING:

The *Obama for Change* team of Democratic candidates have an extensive track record of accomplishments in District of Columbia politics that have brought about significant changes in the operations and standing of the DC Democratic Party over the past few years. By combining current leadership with new talent and seasoned experienced activists, the *Obama for Change* team seeks to continue serving DC Democrats as effective agents for change and stabilizing force in DC politics.

Members of the *Obama for Change* team reduced a substantial committee debt restoring the State Committee to fiscal health, elected chairs of all eight Ward Democratic organizations, and engaged Democrats city-wide in developing a party platform that emphasizes DC voting rights and District issues that is being submitted to the National Convention. They organized a state convention and built strong communications with party elected government officials. Members of the *Obama for Change* team have set their sights on providing effective party representation and leadership, assisting in the expansion of Ward Democratic organizations, and recruiting and training talented Democrats for elected office. The *Obama for Change* team will continue to build on these improvements, and generate greater opportunities for local Democratic participation and recognition.

We all know as DC Democrats that there is an electorate becoming activated during this extraordinary presidential election season. During off years it will require skill, relationship building, and some of the tried and true as well as new energy and desire to motivate voters, to stay in touch with neighbors and other voters, and to inspire volunteerism for transforming Democratic principles into sustainable action for the common good, Democratic party and individuals alike. *Obama for Change* asks for your endorsement and vote on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

WHO WE ARE:

Vincent Orange ... for DC Democratic National Committeeman

As DC Councilmember (1999-2007), Vincent Orange changed the face of Ward 5 by fostering large, new retail sites that provided jobs for residents. For our children, his vision and perseverance led to the creation of the McKinley Technology High School. He brought to fruition a living wage of \$11.75 per hour for DC workers and our first, and only, annual DC public holiday, DC Emancipation Day. Vincent Orange left a solid career as a highly capable legislator, arbitrator and effective public servant, including nearly 20 years in government; and now serves as the top administrator in a leading District corporation. Vincent remains active in civic affairs of the District.

Anita Bonds ... for DC Democratic State Committee Member At-Large

When Anita became Chair of the DC Democratic Party (January 2007), the State Committee was in debt and had been unable (for three years) to organize its “annual” Kennedys-King Gala Dinner. That fall, she was the agent of change that organized a highly successful dinner and erased the DCDSC’s debt. In 2008 she was the vision for an organized DC Democratic Party Platform Convention, the first to be held in more than a decade.

Through Anita’s leadership a successful pre-primary caucus was organized for the selection of convention delegates, affiliate member organizations – Latino Democratic Caucus, Asian-Pacific Islanders Democratic Caucus, Federation of Democratic Women, Gertrude Stein democratic Club, and the DC Young Democrats -- have taken an active role in organizing grassroots constituencies. Additionally, through Anita’s leadership the campaign for voting rights in Congress has assumed a viable role in the activities of the DC Party including members recruitment for regular response to call for action on Capitol Hill with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, DC Vote or other nationally oriented organizations in support of DC voting rights. Further, Anita spear-headed the changing of timing of the DC Democratic Primary to coincide with Maryland and Virginia into the first ever regionally focused Chesapeake-Potomac Primary. A former Ward 5 Democrats Chair, retired government official, local and national political consultant with 2 decades of campaign experience, Anita continues public service in her neighborhood as Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner.

James S. Bubar ...for re-election as DC Democratic Alternate National Committeeman

Jim brought improvements for youth through his volunteer work with youth baseball and school traffic and safety and auction committees. He has worked to provide better fields, increase participation, and sponsor 10,000 youth a year to attend the Nationals as DC Babe Ruth Commissioner and Chair of Play Ball DC! Foundation. As Co-Chair of the Bar's DC Affairs Section, he promoted DC Voting rights and District legislative and budget autonomy. Jim currently serves on the Democratic Committee as General Counsel, and as the elected Alternate National Committeeman. He is a graduate of UC Santa Cruz and Hastings College of Law, and is in private practice.

Don Dinan ...for DC Democratic State Committee Member At-Large

Don has a vivid and longstanding history of work with political organizations, campaigns and with labor unions through his legal career and civic activities. He has served as Chairman of ANC 6B, as president of the Ward 6 Democrats and has been a member, officer, and General Counsel of the DC Democratic State Committee. Most recently, Don chaired the DC Delegate Selection drafting committee, and serves as the DC Delegation representative to the DNC Convention Rules Committee. Don is a member of the DC Democratic Committee.

Dave Donaldson...for DC Democratic State Committee Member At-Large

A member of the Ward 3 Democratic Executive Committee, Don served as a Precinct Captain for the Mary Cheh Election Committee (2006), and is now the Ward 3 Captain for the Kwame Brown for Council Re-election Committee (2008). An IT professional he has volunteered his expertise to numerous political and community efforts. Dave is an all-around grassroots community activist who works hard to uphold the Democratic principles, practicing openness, fairness, integrity, and sheer hard work on behalf of all the Democrats in his community. .

Janice (Jan) Eichhorn...for DC Democratic State Committee Member At-Large

Jan was a full-time lobbyist and organizer for the successful 1973 DC home rule effort and an elected delegate at the DC Statehood Constitutional Convention. In 1990, she founded an ongoing tutor/mentor program for at-risk children. As president of the Ward 6 Democrats (2003-2006), she organized many well-attended issue and candidate forums. Jan was recognized as a “Hometown Hero by WETA-TV and has received community service awards from DC Common Cause, the Capitol Hill Community Foundation and the DC Democratic State Committee.

Pamela Johnson...for DC Democratic State Committee Member At-Large

A Ward 7 activist, Pamela serves as the 1st Vice Chair of the Ward 7 Democrats. She is a Past Chair of the area’s annual Lorraine H. Whitlock Memorial Dinner. As a member of the DC Democratic State Committee, she has served on several committees, most recently as a member of the 2008 DC Pre-Primary Caucus (election) Committee. Pamela is a nationally recognized expert on youth in the Child Welfare/Foster Care System.

Dorinda White ...for DC Democratic State Committee Member At-Large

A strategic communications consultant and former Communications Director for the DC Democratic State Committee (2003-2004) and Press Secretary (1999-2000), Dorinda worked on campaigns (Women for Gore; Obama for U.S. Senate; Moseley-Braun for President) and for community groups (Ward 5 Premier Community Development Corporation, Ward 7 Business and Professional Association, the Ward 8 Annual MLK Day Parade. Dorinda has brought about change in the District through mentoring and leadership, one youth at a time.

2. If elected, what are the three most important things your slate intends to accomplish.

Members of **Obama for Change** will continue to identify and work to solve critical problems facing the District of Columbia by working with the National Democratic Party, our elected officials, and community groups to reclaim the White House in November, demand Congressional voting rights, and improve education for our children. But most importantly, the Obama for Change team intends to (1) continue cooperative, inclusive efforts to involve all interested DC Democrats in party affairs, including political action sponsored by President Obama’s administration, (2) train DC Democrats for leadership positions, and (3) expand the party’s influence in political decisions affecting the District

3. Please tell us about any work you’ve done with grassroots or community organizations and how your slate plans to make the Democratic State Committee more accessible to the people.

As shown by the biographies of its members, **Obama for Change** has a track record of accomplishments as agents of change in the community through political and civic activities, grassroots leadership, and public advocacy. The Democratic State Committee is a representative body that is accessible to DC Democrats through their elected representatives, Ward leaders, caucus groups, and organizations. Members worked to expand the membership of the State Committee to include under-represented constituencies. The **Obama for Change** team will work

with Ward-level Democrats to outreach, organize, and accomplish results in the community. Further, working with local elected officials, the *Obama for Change* will improve democratic access to decision-making processes affecting everyday lives. Additionally, the *Obama for Change* team will work as party agents for change and stabilizers building a stronger, effective state party serving all District Democrats.

SUPPORT **OBAMA FOR CHANGE** ON SEPTEMBER 9TH.
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