

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

### **Why We Are Running:**

Obama4UnityBeatsMcCain is a coalition of grassroots activists united around a core belief that DC Democrats are entitled to energetic, transparent, and innovative leadership and representation from the DC Democratic State Committee.

### **Who We Are:**

*Obama4UnityBeatsMcCain* has reached out across the city to build the most diverse slate of candidates fielded for the DC Democratic Party since the advent of Home Rule. Our Unity Slate combines the enthusiasm of young activists and the seasoned experience of long time advocates of DC Voting Rights, Civil Rights and other Democratic causes. Among the 48 members committed to remake the leadership of the DC Democratic Party are *several founding members of DC for Democracy*; DNC Super delegates and Obama pledged delegates elected by DC voters to represent them at the Democratic Party convention; a former chair of the DC Human Rights Commission and current Board Member of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights; the first female clergy member elected President of the Council of Greater Washington Churches; the current Outreach Director for DC Vote; 2 Public Housing Advocates; 2 Chairs of DC for Obama (one leaving his post to take a position with the Obama campaign); several current Obama Campaign staffers; the current President of the DC Latino Political Action Committee; 2 members of the Asian Pacific Islander PAC; several current and former Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners; 4 former Chairs of their Democratic Ward Organizations; several youth advocates and teachers; a DNC Youth Council member; a member of the DNC LGBT Caucus; a former chair of the DC Democratic Party; and a long time DC Labor Leader.

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

- 1) Outline an action plan that makes educating voters locally and national about DC's lack of voting representation and self determination a primary focus of our mission; including putting pressure on our elected officials locally and nationally to make advocating ending DC's second class status a publicly recognized priority for the city and the national Democratic Party.
- 2) Utilizing the current party infrastructure in place via Governor Howard Dean's 50 State Strategy, we will task our state field director with targeting key races regionally and nationally where the volunteer time and financial donations of DC Democrats can help elect DC friendly democrats to national and state offices.
- 3) Rebuild the party's infrastructure to support the establishment of active standing committees, and make investing in our ward and constituency caucus organizations a major priority. We see the DC Democratic Party as an umbrella organization. Once the mission, vision, and action agenda have been set with input from the grassroots, we must outline a plan of action to accomplish that

agenda, including, acquiring the resources to do so. We will then help to execute the action plan while continuing to provide support and assistance to all our Democratic partner organizations and entities.

**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.**

**Our work with grassroots and community organizations:**

The Obama4UnityBeats McCain slate of Candidates for the DC Democratic state committee is not only diverse in our composition, but also diverse in our work as change agents locally, nationally, and internationally.

Our members are actively engaged in community and non-profit organizations across the district and internationally doing everything from serving as advisory neighborhood commissioners, leading neighborhood associations, promoting workforce development opportunities for youth and adults, volunteering in after school programs, working with community organizations around DC voting rights, fighting human rights abuses, advocating for the reform of the US criminal justice system, coordinating volunteers to work in the states on behalf of Barack Obama and the Democratic Party, registering voters, organizing unions and educating the public about the importance of supporting the labor movement, testifying before the DNC platform committee to insure the inclusion of civil rights protections, as well as countless other activities.

The Obama4UnityBeats McCain Slate is currently working with DC for Obama and various other democratic community organizations to spread the word about the need for DC residents to volunteer in states like Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. We are raising funds to transport volunteers to Virginia as many times as we can between now and the election in November.

In short Obama4UnityBeatsMcCain is not waiting to begin to work to elect Barack Obama as the next president of the United States and expand the Democratic Party locally and nationally, we have already begun to work.

**How our slate plans to make the Democratic State Committee more accessible to the people:**

As Democratic Party leaders we will make our ward organizations, constituency caucus groups, and partner community organizations the primary focus of our action planning. We will actively utilize the party's resources to outreach and educate voters across the district and create opportunities for DC Democratic voters to join our affiliated democratic organizations and serve on committees. We envision a monthly newsletter highlighting the party's activities and opportunities to get involved. We will hold issue forums and town hall meetings in all eight wards to empower voters to set our local agenda, including quarterly community meet & greets with our elected officials. We will make young voter outreach a major focus of our action plan and work with the DC

Young Democrats and other organizations to strengthen the voice of youth and young voters in the local Democratic Party. As we have two public housing activists, who are themselves residents of public housing on our slate, outreach to the public housing communities in DC will also be a major priority.

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