

DC for Democracy

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DC for Democracy endorses candidates for DC Democratic primary

John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC
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DC for Democracy endorsed the following candidates Wednesday evening at the Wilson Building:

Kwame Brown, DC Council Chair (73.7%)
Phil Mendelson, At-Large Council Member (76.3%)
Mary Cheh, Ward 3 Council Member (91.7%)
Harry Thomas, Jr., Ward 5 Council Member (77.8%)
Tommy Wells, Ward 6 Council Member (100%)
Michael Panetta, Shadow Representative (70.7%)

No endorsements were made in the following races due to the fact that no candidate reached the required 2/3 majority vote:

Delegate to Congress: Eleanor Holmes Norton (47.4%), Douglass Sloan (23.7%), No Endorsement (28.9%)

Mayor: First-choice votes were Vincent Gray (43.2%), Adrian Fenty (35.1%), Leo Alexander (2.7%), No endorsement (18.9%). After second-choice votes* were counted, Gray received 54.1%.

Ward 1 Council Member: Jim Graham (38.2%), Brian Weaver (32.4%), Jeff Smith (8.8%), No Endorsement (20.6%). After second-choice votes* were counted, Graham received 52.9%

*DC4D bylaws require modified Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) where more than 2 candidates are running. Under this system, second-choice votes are taken into account when first-choice votes fail to achieve the endorsement threshold.

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