



2015 Ward 4 Special Election Questionnaire
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1. PUBLIC FINANCING

A number of jurisdictions provide public financing to political campaigns who meet certain requirements. The campaign must receive small donations (as low as \$5 per person) from a specified minimum number of individuals. In addition, candidates must agree to certain conditions (for example, limits on how much their campaign may spend, limits on how much any individual may donate, and a ban on contributions from corporations and political action committees).

As a Councilmember would you vote to establish such a system in DC? Why or why not?

Yes. Given the massive influx of developer and special interest money into the Ward 4 campaign I would support public financing in DC.

2. BANNING PAY TO PLAY

In the current Council period, Chairman Mendelson has introduced the *Contractor Pay-to-Play Elimination Amendment Act of 2015*. Instead of using the conventional approach of banning contractors from donating to campaigns, the bill would ban donors from receiving government contracts.

2a) As a Councilmember, will you vote in favor of this legislation? I would not support this legislation. I believe it is incumbent for City Councilmembers to act in a principled manner that is fitting of the public office in which they serve. All money is not good money. As a public official you have to be honest with your donors and supporters so that you will not be beholden to people who do not share your value system or beliefs or to those who do not have the city's best interests at heart.

3. STATEHOOD

When it comes to statehood, politicians and public officials are often long on rhetoric and nearly absent when it comes to doing the work required.

What is the most significant action you have taken to promote the cause of statehood, and how do you plan to advance the cause as Councilmember? I ran against Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton in 2010 and relentlessly attacked her for not introducing a DC Statehood Bill in 17 years. After the election she introduced a flurry of DC Statehood and DC Voting Rights Bills. As DC residents we have to think out of the box regarding Statehood and should consider all options. <http://bit.ly/18vrQN1>

4. HOUSING



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Mayor Bowser has committed to adding \$100 million to the Housing Production Trust Fund in this year's budget.

4a) Do you stand with the Mayor in her commitment?

Absolutely. Affordable Housing in the District is a critical need to ensure working class and low income families are not pushed out of the city.

4b) Are there any circumstances under which you would vote for a budget that does *not* include the additional \$100 million? If so, please be specific.

Only if DC were to identify another revenue stream outside of the of 15% dedicated by the DC Deed Transfer and Recordation Tax administered by DHCD.

5. POLICE

The DCFerguson movement was formed to oppose invasive police tactics, particularly jumpouts, targeted to communities of color. DCFerguson demands that the DC Council pass a resolution taking a stand against the use of jumpout squads. See the DCFerguson petition for details: <https://www.change.org/p/councilmember-phil-mendelson-take-a-stand-against-jump-out-squads-in-washington-d-c>

5a) Have you signed the petition linked above? If not, please explain. Yes.

5b) Would you support the Council holding a public roundtable on jumpouts?

Yes. I am against jump-outs as they indiscriminately target youth in low income areas for police actions that may be unwarranted.

6. JOBS

What have you done specifically to help create good jobs with good benefits for Ward 4 residents? If elected, will you introduce/co-sponsor legislation such as [San Francisco's "Retail Workers Bill of Rights"](#) to give workers greater control over their schedules and promote worker education and training?

I would strongly consider introducing such legislation to the council if elected.

7. INCOME INEQUALITY

While income inequality is far more than just a local issue, Washington has been ranked fourth highest among major cities in the country in the size of the income gap between upper and lower income residents. Do you think this broad income disparity is an issue the Council can and should address? If so, why, and what specific proposals/steps do you think should be considered? If not, why?

Income disparity in DC is a serious issue that must be addressed. Right now DC depends on taxes, tickets and fee's, which is an unsustainable formula. We have into introduce a new



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revenue stream into our economy to address the affordability problem in DC and make life more affordable for middle class, working class and lower income residents. I advocate that DC create a renewable energy industry to teach renewable energy technology, create jobs and generate revenue through those businesses. I want all DC government vehicles to run on clean energy fueled engines, utilizing biodiesel, natural gas and electricity. I support citywide use of solar power and advocate that all DC government agencies use renewable energy. I would also like to see solar panel arrays on DC government buildings and local churches to provide energy for low income and working class residents to reduce their energy costs to make our communities more sustainable.

8. DISPLACEMENT

What specific strategies would you endorse as a Councilmember to prevent displacement of residents and businesses in Ward 4 neighborhoods (like 16th Street Heights and Petworth) that are presently experiencing development pressure?

I would advocate for low to moderate density development near transportation hubs to reduce DC's carbon footprint and lessen traffic and I support working with developers to ensure there are affordable housing options in those new developments. I oppose the construction of "pop up" houses that create unwanted density, detract from housing values, cause quality of life issues and are not consistent with the character of our local neighborhoods. I support establishing Merchant Associations, Main Street Programs and Economic Improvement Zones in Ward 4 business corridors to work with local developers and the community to proactively build and attract that type of businesses we want in our community. I want to work with new and existing business owners to attract community residents to their shops to ensure they maintain their solvency and that those new business owners hire local residents to create jobs. I also would work to make certain that all new developments will be reviewed by citizen groups to ensure compatibility with the current retail area and neighborhoods.