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# WARD 8 VIRTUAL CANDIDATES' FORUM & STRAW POLL

DC DELEGATE TO CONGRESS | AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBER | COUNCIL CHAIR



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Candidate - Delegate to US House



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# SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

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## WHO WE ARE

The Ward 8 Democrats is one of Washington, DC's leading political organizations. Founded in 1983 with a focus on increasing "citizen knowledge of, and participation in the political processes of the ward, District and nation," today 79.4 percent of all registered voters in the ward are Democrats, one of the largest percentage of Democratic voters in the District.

For nearly 40 years, the Ward 8 Democrats has not only been in the front seat of history-making progress in the District, but it has helped lead it. From fighting for expanded resources for youth, seniors, and families, to healthcare and enfranchising returning citizens, the Ward 8 Democrats was there.

The Ward 8 Democrats continue to lead the conversations around voting innovations, human rights, improving public education, safety, and DC voting rights.

Learn more about us at [www.ward8dems.com](http://www.ward8dems.com)



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TROY DONTÉ PRESTWOOD

Another primary election season is upon us and the stakes are local this time. From public education to public safety and transportation to healthcare, even investments in education and housing are all on the line when selecting Democratic candidates that best represent our shared vision for the future.

That's why we are pleased to once again bring residents to this virtual candidates' forum for **Delegate to Congress, At-large Councilmember, and Council Chair**. It's an opportunity to hear directly from candidates vying for our support in the upcoming **June 21 Primary Election**. We will explore their records, ideas, policy proposals, and vision for our Ward, the District, and nation.

We want to thank the DC Democratic Party and East of the River/Hill Rag newspapers for being a sponsor of this event. We also want to thank the campaigns for their partnership and investments in our get-out-the-vote (GOTV) efforts. We invite you to become a partner with us as well.

We know these are still challenging times, but rest assured the Ward 8 Democrats is committed to ensuring voters are well-informed about the candidates and the voting process.

Be sure to follow us on our social channels and listserv to stay up to date on our meetings and activities during election season and throughout the year.



A FRESH VOICE — A NEW VISION

**VOTE JUNE 21ST!**

KELLY MIKEL WILLIAMS IS THE FRESH VOICE AND VISION THAT THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NEEDS FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS!



• Compassion • Commitment • Community

**KELLY MIKEL WILLIAMS**  
**FOR CONGRESS**

**D.C. DELEGATE**

**BE COURAGEOUS**

“Washington, we can’t keep doing the same thing expecting different results. It’s time to have the **courage** to change course.”



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**THE VOICE OF A ...**

- Homeless Survivor • Single Father
- Advocate • Caregiver For Mother
- Founder of 'Seats for Seniors' • Mental Health Survivor
- Fmr. President Clinton Appointee • Covenant House D.C.
- Fmr. D.C. City Council Staff

**WITH A VISION FOR...**

- Crime Reduction • Housing for the Homeless
- (REAL) Affordable Housing • Job Development
- Life Skills In Education • Mental Health Services
- D.C. Statehood



## JAMES WRIGHT FORUM MODERATOR

James Wright Jr. is a staff writer for *The Washington Informer* newspaper. He has worked with the *Informer* since December 2018 and wrote freelance articles for the newspaper from October 2009-August 2014.

Wright has been a staff writer and city editor for the *Washington AFRO-American Newspaper* covering Capitol Hill, the White House, and sports from April 1993-July 2000. He worked at *The Washington Post* sports copy desk from July 2000-August 2005. He returned to the AFRO in August 2005 as a general assignment reporter until August 2009.

Wright has traveled extensively to Africa, the United Kingdom, Rome, Libya, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Ghana, as a journalist and interviewed such notables as Libyan Leader Muammar Gaddafi, U.S. Associate Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, Vice President Al Gore, South Africa President Thabo Mbeki, and many African American leaders including members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Wright has received numerous awards as a result of his work. He was initiated into the Eta Gamma chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. in Spring 1984. He serves presently as the Associate Editor to *The Sphinx* for the Omicron Lambda Alpha chapter.

Wright resides in the Washington, D.C. area.



I'm  
**Erin  
Palmer**

a mom, an ethics lawyer,  
and a dedicated public servant.

*I'm running to be*  
**DC Council  
Chairwoman**

because every person in DC deserves affordable housing, high-quality schools, and accessible healthcare. **DC doesn't lack resources—but many of our politicians lack the will to make real change.**

**ACCOUNTABLE TO DC RESIDENTS:**

Erin is the **only** Democrat for Council Chair using DC's Fair Elections program, which means she's rejecting corporate donations and is accountable to DC residents.

Paid for by Erin for DC. 715 Van Buren Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20012. Laurence B. Minor II, Treasurer.



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# AGENDA

Call to Order  
**Troy Donté Prestwood**  
*President, Ward 8 Democrats*

*Moment of Silence*

*The Occasion*

Forum Moderator  
**James Wright**  
*Reporter, The Washington Informer*

*Conversation with Candidates for DC Delegate to Congress*

**Wendy "Hope Dealer" Hamilton**  
**Eleanor Holmes Norton**  
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*Conversation with Candidates for At-Large Member of the DC Council*

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*Conversation with Candidates for Chair of the DC Council*

**Phil Mendelson**  
**Erin Palmer**

Ward 8 Democrats Business Meeting

*Old Business*  
*New Business*  
*Announcements*  
*Adjournment*

# RESULTS FOR DC

Congresswoman

**ELEANOR HOLMES  
NORTON**

Democrat for Delegate to Congress

**KEEP NORTON IN CONGRESS**



- *Got House passage of DC Statehood bill twice and a Senate hearing.*
- *As chair of the Subcommittee on Highways & Transit, played a major in passage of the new Highways & Transportation law – on tap to chair the Full Committee.*
- *Defeated more than 20 bills and amendments filed to overturn DC laws.*
- *Consistently rated among the Most Effective House Members based on bills passed.*

**ALL WITHOUT A VOTE**

**MOVING TOWARD STATEHOOD**

Rev. ★ ★ ★  
**WENDY**  
FOR CONGRESS 2022  
WASHINGTON DC

# VOTE

for **Rev. Wendy Hamilton**  
for D.C. Delegate to the U.S.  
House of Representatives on  
**June 21, 2022**

Your Vote for Rev. Wendy Hamilton is a Vote for Action,  
a Brighter Future, and a Seat at The Table!

Rev. Wendy is running to represent DC in Congress because **it's time for a change**. She's an ordained minister, social justice advocate, and a single mother who's passionate about giving residents like you the **results you deserve** and a **seat at the table**. As your Delegate, she'll take the Federal government head-on and champion fresh ideas to achieve DC Statehood, Universal Basic Income and so much more. Help us by voting in the upcoming primaries - **it's time for a new chapter!**



[www.RevWendyForCongress.com](http://www.RevWendyForCongress.com)

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Make a plan. Share a plan. Vote the plan.

Tell us *why you vote?*

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*RE-ELECT* ANITA  
**BONDS**  
FOR DC COUNCIL AT-LARGE

[ANITABONDS2022.COM](https://ANITABONDS2022.COM)

Paid for by Anita Bonds 2022, 900 Brentwood Road, N.E., Box 92283, Washington, D.C. 20066, Don Dinan, Treasurer

# HOW TO VOTE



For the 2022 election season, the DC Board of Elections (DCBOE) is mailing *every registered DC voter* a ballot for the **June 21, 2022 Democratic Primary Election**.

In addition, there will be **40 Vote Centers** open across the District during the early voting period (June 10 - June 19) and **90 Vote Centers** open on Election Day, **Tuesday, June 21, 2022**. Fifty-five dropboxes will be open across the District to drop off your mail-in ballots.

- For a list of Early Vote Centers, [Click Here!](#)
- For a list of Election Day Vote Centers, [Click Here!](#)
- For a list of Dropbox Locations, [Click Here!](#)
- Or use DCBOE's [Vote Center Locator Tool](#)

You will also be able to register to vote on the same day at Vote Centers as well as drop off mail-in ballots.

For more information, visit [www.dcboe.org](http://www.dcboe.org)

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# LISA GORE

FOR DC COUNCIL AT-LARGE  
VOTE ON JUNE 21, 2022

**Building a Just DC for All**  
Learn more at [GoreForDC.com](http://GoreForDC.com)

## Meet Lisa Gore

I'm a DCPS mom, the current Vice-Chair of ANC 3/4G, a retired federal investigator, and well-versed in the oversight of federal government housing programs, including HUD's \$89B disaster relief program. My campaign is about building a movement and a commitment to a more just DC. A DC where we build stronger, healthier communities.

## Vision for Washington DC



**Housing For All** where housing policies build equity, prevent displacement, invest in public housing, and protect tenants.



**Economic Justice & Worker's Rights** that make economic systems accessible to everyone.



**New Deal for Transportation** that focuses on racial, environmental, and economic justice, and accountable agency leadership.



**New Deal for Public Education** that prioritizes the needs of kids, families, and teachers and emphasizes environmental safety in school buildings.



**Environmental Justice** that focuses on frontline communities, and speeds up our decarbonization efforts.



**Aging and Health policies** that are cross-cutting approaches to better support older community members.

Paid for by Friends of Lisa Gore, 7045 31st St., NW, WDC 20015. Evelyn Hernandez, Treasurer.  
A copy of our report is filed with the Director of Campaign Finance of the DC Board of Elections.

To learn more about Lisa Gore and her campaign for DC Council At-Large, visit [www.GoeForDC.com](http://www.GoeForDC.com) or scan the QR code



Sign up... 

# Ward 8 Precinct Captains

We're looking for a man and woman to serve in each Ward 8 precinct. Lots of positions available. Great way to get engaged with your local party.

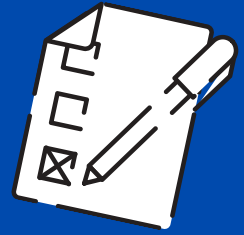
For more information, visit [www.ward8dems.com](http://www.ward8dems.com) and sign up today!



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# CHECK VOTING REGISTRATION



Are you ready for the June 21 Primary Election? The DC Board of Elections (DCBOE) is mailing all DC voters a ballot and we want to ensure the address you have on file with the DCBOE is correct.

**Click Below:**

The DC Democratic Party  
asks that you

**CHECK YOUR  
REGISTRATION**

Visit [dcboe.org](https://dcboe.org) to check that your information  
is correct, and update it if it's not





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**IN-PERSON DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FORUM**

**SHADOW REPRESENTATIVE**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**MAYOR**

**SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022**

**NOON**

**MATTHEWS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

2616 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AVE., SE

RSVP: [tinyurl.com/May21Forum](https://tinyurl.com/May21Forum)

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SCAN ME

**THE WARD 8 DEMOCRATS IS...**

**LOOKING FOR YOU!**

We are looking for Directors and Committee members for the following positions:

- Programming
- Issues & Legislative Affairs
- Senior Citizen Engagement
- Membership
- Public Relations
- Fundraising/Development
- Youth Engagement
- Special Events
- Precinct Captains
- Canvassers
- Organization Volunteers



All interested candidates should email their resume/bio to [info@ward8dems.com](mailto:info@ward8dems.com).



## Ward 8 Democrats Platform 2021-2023

1. Statehood for the District of Columbia and all efforts to gain more autonomy over DC government affairs.
2. Greater representation of Ward 8 residents in appointments to the Mayor's cabinet, jobs in the Executive Office of the Mayor, in senior staff positions in DC agencies, and on DC Boards and Commissions.
3. The hiring of more Ward 8 residents to work on District taxpayer-funded projects.
4. Economic development in underserved areas to include opportunity zones, small business incentives and workforce preparedness and education programs. The establishment of worksite child development centers with non-traditional hours.
5. The continuation and strong enforcement of rent control laws and the organizing of more tenants associations.
6. Stronger enforcement of existing environment laws and the promotion of efforts to reduce pollution and conserve natural energy. Deposits on returnable bottles and cans.
7. More public libraries in Ward 8 and public libraries open 12 hours per day, 7 days a week.
8. Sufficient access to healthcare for Ward 8 residents, which include location incentives for primary, ambulatory and ancillary care providers. Great support and meaningful treatment for substance abusers with more available beds.
9. Reduce prescription costs for senior citizens and expanded evening and weekend operating hours for Ward 8 Senior Wellness Center. Increased public and private support for families headed by grandparents.
10. Propose conducting elections by mail and online app.
11. Intensive efforts to establish support and sustain viable PTAs in all Ward 8 schools.
12. Moratorium on liquor stores.
13. Promote quality education for Ward 8 children and schools.
14. Support efforts around community building and crime prevention.
15. Identify partnerships in the community at large to help carry out our mission and goals.



## 2021-2023 Executive Committee

### WARD 8 DEMOCRATS EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Troy Donte' Prestwood, President

Sheila Bunn, 1st Vice President

Stuart Anderson, 2nd Vice President

Darryl Ross, Treasurer

### WARD 8 DEMOCRATS COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Michael Grier, Co-Chair, Issues & Legislative Affairs

Dr. Carlene Reid, Co-Chair, Issues & Legislative Affairs

Markus Batchelor, Chair, Membership & Voter Outreach

Ron Lassiter, Chair, Senior Engagement

Barbara Jones, Chair, Programming/Special Events

### DC DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Charles Wilson, Chairman

Wanda Lockridge, Ward 8 Committeewoman

Regina Pixley, Ward 8 Committeewoman

Stuart Anderson, Ward 8 Committeeman

Anthony Muhammad, Ward 8 Committeeman

Sharece Crawford, At-Large Committeewoman

Kemry Hughes, At-Large Committeeman

### DC ELECTED OFFICIALS

Dr. Adeoye Owolewa, U.S. Representative

Trayon White, Ward 8 Councilmember

Dr. Carlene Reid, Ward 8 Representative, SBOE

Dr. Jacque Patterson, At-Large Representative, SBOE



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