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# WARD 8 CANDIDATES' FORUM & STRAW POLL

**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022 11 AM** 

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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, it has also led 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









## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TROY DONTÉ PRESTWOOD

Another primary election season is upon us, and this time the stakes are local. 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 this candidates' forum for **Shadow U.S. Representative**, **Attorney General, and Mayor**. 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 co-sponsor of this event. We also want to thank participating campaigns for their investment in our get-out-the-vote (GOTV) efforts. We invite you to become a partner with us as well. Visit www.ward8dems.com to learn more.

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 join our listserv to stay up to date on meetings and activities during election season and throughout the year.





obert has spent the last 15 years fighting to make DC work for all our residents. He is a nationally-recognized leader in expanding early childhood education, developing solutions to address our affordable housing crisis, and increasing employment opportunities for women, people of color, and returning citizens.





















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## FIGHTING THE TOUGH BATTLES. GETTING RESULTS.

"Ward 8 Congratulations on your Forum & Straw Poll!

From Anacostia, Bellevue, Congress Heights. Fairlawn, and all neighborhoods covering ward 8, as your Attorney General I promise to listen and engage the Ward 8 Family in the mission of the Office of the Attorney General. I have the experience and right type of litigation practice to best manage our OAG.

I ask for your vote today and in the Primary Election!"

### BRUCE V. SPIVA: THE EXPERIENCE TO DELIVER FOR D.C.

Bruce Spiva is a civil rights lawyer who has fought the tough battles to hold the powerful accountable. Bruce's parents grew up in the Jim Crow South, and dedicated their lives to helping others. Their faith in the power of the law to make real change inspired Bruce to fight for equality and justice. For 30 years, Bruce has fought in court to give voice to the voiceless. He took on slumlords and the DC government itself to fight against gentrification and housing discrimination, and won. He helped reform our criminal justice system to provide protections for sexual assault victims. He took on big corporations, from big oil to big box stores, and won money for everyday people and small businesses. And he argued before the Supreme Court to protect voting rights. As Attorney General, Bruce will continue to fight for a more just and equitable D.C.

## AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, BRUCE WILL BUILD A SAFER AND MORE JUST D.C. BY:

- Securing access to safe and affordable housing by taking on slumlords.
- Advancing criminal justice reform and public safety.
- Investing in violence interruption and other programs to keep kids safe and out of trouble.
- Protecting consumers, particularly our seniors, from unfair and unlawful business practices and financial abuse.
- Fighting for fair and lawful wages and benefits for workers.
- Fighting for local autonomy and D.C. statehood.

## **NOTABLE ENDORSEMENTS**



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Wade Henderson

Ed Lazere













Vote by June 21 | Early Voting June 10-19

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## **DELIA GONÇALVES**FORUM MODERATOR

Delia Gonçalves joined the WUSA9 team in June 2010. Delia got her first break in the business right here in Washington at the U.S. Senate Radio-TV Gallery and at NBC Network News. She then left D.C. to pursue her on-camera reporting endeavors, which took her back to her native New England.

Delia spent five years crisscrossing the region, working at several stations in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. During that time, she had the privilege of covering a number of national stories, including the Station Nightclub fire in Rhode Island that claimed 100 lives and the historic vote on gay marriage in Boston – the first vote of its kind in the country.

Before returning to the nation's capital, Delia spent four years in Baltimore where she was named Baltimore's Best Reporter in 2009. Among her most memorable stories in Charm City, Delia's profile of a woman and her daughter living in a home with no electricity or running water got them in a safe shelter. Her reporting on the homeless in DC has helped people get off the streets and reunite families. Delia is passionate about reporting the facts, challenging the status quo, and telling compelling stories at the heart of our community.

Delia is a first-generation Cape Verdean-American born in New Bedford, Massachusetts of immigrant parents who taught her the invaluable lessons of faith, hard work, and perseverance.

She now lives in D.C. with her husband and three daughters.



## MARKUS BATCHELOR FORUM MODERATOR

Markus Batchelor is a native Washingtonian, advocate and activist who formerly served as the Ward 8 Representative, Vice President and the youngest-ever elected member of the DC State Board of Education. He is currently the Deputy Director of Leadership Programs at People for the American Way. He is also the Chair of the Membership and Voter Outreach committee for the Ward 8 Democrats.

Markus spent his career in government, non-profit and as an elected leader working to close the city's deep divides and advocate for our most vulnerable neighbors and disinvested communities.

He previously served as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in Congress Heights where he was raised and still lives, President of the Ward 8 Democrats, National Committeeman for DC's Young Democrats and, as a student, DC's 52nd Youth Mayor.

In 2020, he was a candidate for At-Large member of DC Council to usher in a new generation of DC leadership rooted in community and focused on expanding equity, opportunity and government accountability.





## YOUR VOICE

## **SHADOW U.S. REPRESENTATIVE**



Linda L. Gray



Candidate - Shadow U.S. Representative Candidate - Shadow U.S. Representative

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL**



**Brian Schwalb** Candidate - Attorney General Candidate - Attorney General



Ryan L. Jones



Bruce V. Spiva Candidate - Attorney General

## **MAYOR**



**James Butler** 



Muriel E. Bowser



Trayon "Washington DC" White Candidate - Mayor



**Robert White** 

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### **AGENDA**

Call to Order
Troy Donté Prestwood
President, Ward 8 Democrats

Moment of Silence

The Occasion Rules of the Day Committee Chair Roundtable

Forum Moderators

Delia Gonçalves

Anchor/Reporter, WUSA9

Markus Batchelor

Chair, Membership and Voter Outreach, Ward 8 Democrats

Conversation with Candidates for Shadow U.S. Representative

Linda L. Gray Oye Owolewa

Conversation with Candidates for DC Attorney General

Brian Schwalb Ryan L. Jones Bruce V. Spiva

Conversation with Candidates for Mayor

James Butler Muriel E. Bowser Trayon "Washington DC" White Robert White

Ward 8 Democrats Business Meeting
Old Business
New Business
Announcements
Adjournment



## 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.







## **#WARD8VOTES**

Make a plan. Share a plan. Vote the plan. Tell us why *you* vote?



## **KEY ELECTION DATES**

MAY 16, 2022 DCBOE BEGINS SENDING MAIL-IN BALLOTS TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

MAY 27, 2022 MAIL BALLOT DROP BOXES OPEN

MAY 31, 2022 DEADLINE TO UPDATE VOTER REGISTRATION

WITH PARTY AFFILIATION

JUNE 6, 2022 DEADLINE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOT\*

JUNE 18, 2022 DEADLINE FOR UOCAVA VOTERS TO REQUEST

**AN ABSENTEE BALLOT** 

JUNE 10 - 19, 2022 EARLY VOTING PERIOD

JUNE 21, 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

JUNE 28, 2022 DEADLINE FOR DCBOE TO RECEIVE VOTED
ABSENTEE BALLOTS



@WARD8VOTES TEXT WARD8VOTES TO (833) 983-5982

\*Given that DCBOE is mailing all registered DC voters a mail-in ballot, you do NOT need to request an Absentee Ballot unless you will be away from your DC residence during the 2022 Primary Election.

## 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.

- To check your voting registration, Click Here!
- To register to vote/update, <a href="Click Here!">Click Here!</a>
- For a list of Early Vote Centers, <u>Click Here!</u>
- For a list of Election Day Vote Centers, <u>Click</u>
   <u>Here!</u>
- For a list of Dropbox Locations, Click Here!
- Or use DCBOE's <u>Vote Center Locator Tool</u>

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

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# WARD 8 SAMPLE BALLOT

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## WARD 8 CANDIDATES' FORUM STRAW POLL







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#### Ward 8 Democrats Platform 2021-2023

- 1. Statehood for the District of Columbia and all efforts to gain more autonomy over DC government affairs.
- 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.
- 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

#### WARD 8 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

#### WARD 8 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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