



## **Ward Eight Democrats Platform 2013-2015**

Revised: 2013 Biennial Convention

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 DC Boards and Commissions, the Mayor's Cabinet, jobs in the Executive Office of the Mayor and senior staff positions in DC agencies.
3. The hiring of more Ward 8 residents to work on District and federally funded projects.
4. Economic development in underserved areas to include designating enterprise zones, small business incentives and workforce preparedness programs. The establishment of worksite child development centers.
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 residents East of the River, 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. Same day voter registration and conducting all elections by mail.
11. Implementation of a true community-oriented policing and the establishment of more police substations.
12. Intensive efforts to establish support and sustain viable PTAs in all Ward 8 schools.
13. Moratorium on community-based organizations, charter school and liquor stores.