



Ward Eight Democrats Platform 2019- 2021

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.