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**Ward 8 Democrats Prepares to Hold Candidates Endorsement Forum**

President Natalie Williams says the results of the *“Electing A Mayor”* Straw Poll will represent the pulse of Ward 8 Voters at the April 1<sup>st</sup> Primary

**(Washington DC)** On Saturday, January 18, 2014, the Ward Eight Democrats will host its *“Electing A Mayor”* Candidates Endorsement Forum. The endorsement forum will be held from 12noon-2pm at Turner Elementary School, 3264 Stanton Road, SE, Washington DC 20020. This is among the first endorsement forum by a local political organization of the DC Democratic State Committee.

The Ward Eight Democrats, Inc. will welcome nine of the Mayoral hopefuls for a 90-minute question and answer period. Questions will be fielded by Veteran News Journalist, Bruce Johnson, WUSATV9. The candidate who receives 60% or more of the vote will receive the endorsement of the Ward Eight Democrats organization. Only registered Ward 8 Democrat voters are allowed to vote.

Natalie Williams, President of the Ward Eight Democrats, Inc., calls the forum a glimpse into what’s to come on April 1. *“In Ward 8, we take endorsement forums very seriously. To earn the respect of our organization, and to earn the vote of the residents is difficult, but not impossible. Our 60% vote requirement allows us to truly see the supporter base of the candidates, and perhaps even their strengths and weaknesses as we approach Election Day.”*

Ward 8, home of more than 50,000 registered Democrat voters, is considered among many as the “must win” Ward. Historically, the Ward has been demonstrated that it can be counted upon to deliver votes on Election Day. Even in the last election it was reported that Ward 8 made the difference in the race for Mayor.

The Ward 8 Democrats organization is very excited about this weekend’s upcoming candidate endorsement. All registered Ward 8 Democrats are invited to come out on Saturday to hear what the candidates are saying about the present and future of our communities.

*“It is our responsibility as political leaders in the Ward to expose our constituents to the ideas and plans people have for them. We are truly anticipating a robust exchange amongst participants, and a good turnout on this Saturday,”* says President Williams.