



District of Columbia Association of REALTORS® 2022 Primary Election Endorsements

The District of Columbia Association of REALTORS® (DCAR) is proud to announce its 2022 primary election candidate endorsements.

U.S. Congress – Eleanor Holmes Norton (D)

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton is a tenacious, unwavering representative for Washington, D.C. and an advocate we need back in Congress.

As D.C. continues to push for statehood, the District is fortunate to have a fierce fighter like Congresswoman Holmes Norton. Most recently, she authored and passed H.R. 51, which would admit the District as the 51st state, in the House of Representatives. The Congresswoman is also a stalwart for homeownership -- a hallmark accomplishment is securing a unique, \$5,000 D.C. homebuyer tax credit to help foster homeownership.

The D.C. Association of Association of REALTORS® is proud to endorse Eleanor Norton Holmes as the Democratic Nominee for Congress.

D.C. Attorney General – Brian Schwalb (D)

Public safety is at the forefront of every District resident's mind. Our vibrant city depends on safe, thriving communities. Brian Schwalb has the bandwidth and strategy to help alleviate crime and risks to public safety; his plan includes holding violent and repeat offenders accountable, amplifying violence interruption and reducing the availability of illegal guns. Further, we are encouraged by Mr. Schwalb's consumer protection plan to protect District residents from predatory and deceptive practices that cause substantial harm to consumers.

The D.C. Association of Association of REALTORS® is proud to endorse Brian Schwalb as the Democratic Nominee for Attorney General.

Mayor – Muriel Bowser (D)

Mayor Bowser led Washington, D.C. through the coronavirus pandemic with one of the strongest local responses nationwide. With over 20 years of local government experience, Mayor Bowser has the skillset to lead the District through the most challenging obstacles.

The Mayor understands that the housing shortage in our region is a critical priority. She has taken a multi-step approach to address our housing challenges through historic investments in the Housing Production Trust Fund and Home Purchase Assistance Program.

The D.C. Association of Association of REALTORS® is proud to endorse Muriel Bowser as Democratic Nominee for Mayor of the District of Columbia.

D.C. COUNCIL ENDORSEMENTS

Council Chairman – Phil Mendelson (D)

Chairman Mendelson’s institutional knowledge and legislative track record is unparalleled. Throughout his time on the Council, Chairman Mendelson has spearheaded a myriad of initiatives for the benefit of D.C. residents, including maintaining tight oversight of DCRA, regulating the short-term rental market and appropriating resources for homeownership tools.

Over the past two election cycles, the Council has undergone a shift in political ideologies, which has made consensus-building increasingly difficult. We know that the Chairman is the right person to help bridge the divide and has the experience to broker compromise on complex issues. Additionally, his fiscal responsibility will help ensure the District has a robust economy and housing market.

The D.C. Association of Association of REALTORS® is proud to endorse Phil Mendelson as Democratic Nominee for Chairman of the D.C. City Council.

Council At-Large – Anita Bonds (D)

As the Housing and Executive Administration Chairperson, Councilmember Bonds intimately understands the various facets of the residential real estate industry. DCAR has worked with Councilmember Bonds on several pieces of legislation, and we can always count on her to incorporate our members’ concerns into the discussion.

Most recently, we worked with Councilmember Bonds and her staff on the Eviction Record Sealing and Fairness in Renting Act to address multiple problematic provisions in the bill. Further, the Councilmember is a fierce advocate for housing production and ensuring that public dollars are being responsibly spent. Her committee called a public roundtable meeting to discuss transparency surrounding the Housing Production Trust Fund and DHCD’s stewardship over the program.

DCAR is highly confident in Anita Bonds’ coalition-building and approach to the District’s most pressing housing challenges.

The D.C. Association of Association of REALTORS® is proud to endorse Anita Bonds as Democratic Nominee for At-Large.

Ward 1 – No Endorsement

Ward 3 – Eric Goulet (D)

After spending 13 years on the Council, Councilmember Mary Cheh has decided to take a well-earned retirement. She was a highly effective legislator and delivered results for Ward 3, which is why we believe that her constituents should not miss a beat as they transition to a new council member.

Eric Goulet has the experience and bandwidth to produce for Ward 3 on day one of the job. Mr. Goulet has over 19 years of senior leadership experience in District government. Perhaps his most defining contrast to other candidates—Eric is a budget guru. Having served as the District of Columbia budget director and director of the D.C. Council Budget Office, Eric has executed the high stakes demands of being a council member.

Further, DCAR is encouraged by Mr. Goulet’s platform around public safety, housing and fiscal responsibility. We are convinced that he will serve Ward 3 extraordinarily well.

The D.C. Association of Association of REALTORS® is proud to endorse Eric Goulet as Democratic Nominee for Ward 3.

Ward 5 – No Endorsement

Ward 6 – Charles Allen (D)

Councilmember Allen is the only candidate running unopposed in the primary election; that might be a signpost for how well he’s serving his Ward 6 constituents. Councilmember Allen doesn’t shy away from tackling tough subjects. As chair of the Judiciary Committee, he is undertaking a complete modernization of the District’s Criminal Code—the last time the Code was updated was in the early 1900s. Moreover, Councilmember Allen is committed to preserving generational homeownership. His committee is pushing legislation that will provide safeguards to heirs to ensure that their residential property is not deceptively taken from them.

The D.C. Association of Association of REALTORS® is proud to endorse Charles Allen as Democratic Nominee for Ward 6.