



## District of Columbia Association of REALTORS® 2022 General Election Endorsements

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

### U.S. Congress – Eleanor Holmes Norton

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 51<sup>st</sup> 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 for Congress.**

### Mayor – Muriel Bowser

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 for Mayor of the District of Columbia.**

### D.C. Attorney General – Brian Schwalb

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 for Attorney General.**

## D.C. COUNCIL ENDORSEMENTS

### Council Chairman – Phil Mendelson

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 for Chairman of the D.C. City Council.**

### At-Large Councilmember – Anita Bonds

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 for At-Large Councilmember.**

### At-Large Councilmember – Kenyan McDuffie

As Ward 5 councilmember for the last 10 years, Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie has authored some of the most transformational legislation in the District focusing on public safety, affordable housing, racial equity and economic development. Further, as the chair of the Business and Economic Development Committee for the last five years, we are confident in his

ability to understand the challenges that small businesses face, especially as the city continues through its post-pandemic phase.

DCAR believes Councilmember McDuffie’s ability to build coalitions and find real solutions to tackle some of D.C.’s most significant challenges will continue as an At-Large member of the Council.

**The D.C. Association of Association of REALTORS® is proud to endorse Kenyan McDuffie for At-Large Councilmember.**

### **Ward 1 Councilmember – No Endorsement**

### **Ward 3 Councilmember – Matthew Frumin**

Matthew Frumin has spent decades committed to public service and an active member of the Ward 3 community. Mr. Frumin understands the needs of Ward 3 residents and has shown his ability to advocate, organize and connect community stakeholders.

Further, DCAR is encouraged by Mr. Frumin’s platform around increasing access to affordable housing for all income levels, increasing density of D.C. corridors, particularly transit hubs and developing community design strategies to strengthen local businesses.

**The D.C. Association of Association of REALTORS® is proud to endorse Matthew Frumin for Ward 3 councilmember.**

### **Ward 5 Councilmember – Zachary Parker**

Zachary Parker is an educator and a public servant. Since 2018, Mr. Parker has served as Ward 5 representative on the D.C. State Board of Education, and in January 2021 he was selected by his fellow board members to serve as board president.

Mr. Parker understands the need for all Ward 5 residents to have safe, quality and affordable housing. He shares DCAR’s principles that homeownership is a means of building wealth and believes it’s important to protect long-time homeowners from the pressures of rising property taxes.

**The D.C. Association of Association of REALTORS® is proud to endorse Zachary Parker for Ward 5 councilmember.**

### **Ward 6 Councilmember – Charles Allen**

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 for Ward 6 councilmember.**

### **Ward 3 State Board of Education Member – Eric Goulet**

Eric Goulet has the experience to produce on day one as the Ward 3 Member of the State Board of Education. He has over 19 years of senior leadership experience in District government, having served as the District of Columbia budget director and director of the D.C. Council Budget Office. The D.C. government spends a significant amount of taxpayer money to fund schools and education, which is why it is vital that a budget guru like Mr. Goulet serve on the board where his fiscal knowledge will be an invaluable asset.

**The D.C. Association of Association of REALTORS® is proud to endorse Eric Goulet for State Board of Education for Ward 3.**