

# DCAR YEAR IN REVIEW 2022

Here are just a few highlights of **DCAR's top accomplishments in 2022**, none of which would have been possible without your engagement over the past year. We are certain that even more victories lie ahead in 2023 with your ongoing support of your state REALTOR® association.

## Engaging with leaders

**DCAR continued to strengthen its relationship with D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and D.C. councilmembers by participating in the following activities:**

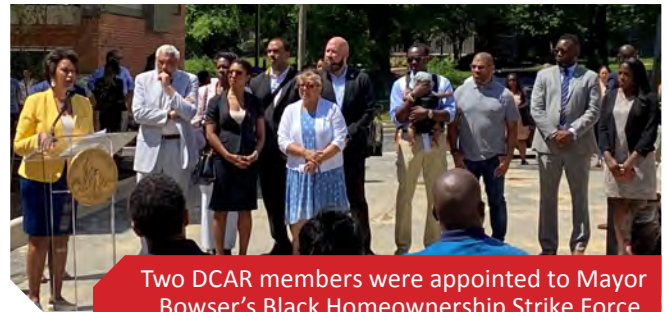
We were invited to attend Mayor Bowser's press conference where she announced two programs designed to help future and current District homeowners, the Black Homeownership Strike Force and the Homeowner Assistance Fund.

Mayor Bowser appointed two DCAR members to serve on the Black Homeownership Strike Force.

In conjunction with the mayor's office and our local association, GCAAR, DCAR conducted in-depth research and a survey of REALTORS® on the Home Purchase Assistance Program (HPAP) and held a focus group of REALTORS® to help improve the program's effectiveness.

DCAR Public Policy Committee members met with Councilmember Christina Henderson to provide feedback on the Homeowner Resource Center Establishment Act of 2022.

The DCAR Public Policy Committee and the DCAR Affordable Housing Subcommittee hosted "Vision Forward: Molding the Future of Housing in the District," which brought together six partner organizations to prioritize housing policies for the diverse communities we represent. The event included a "fireside chat" with At-Large Councilmember Anita Bonds.



Two DCAR members were appointed to Mayor Bowser's Black Homeownership Strike Force.

## Advocacy wins

**Through tireless advocacy, DCAR pulled off several major wins this year that streamline the home purchasing process and help protect District homeowners:**

DCAR's work with councilmembers ultimately led to the repeal of an antiquated soil disclosure provision that had been in place for decades.

We consulted with the D.C. Council to pass emergency legislation on June 28 to revise the foreclosure moratorium the Council had passed earlier in the year.

We supported the remote notary bill that was subsequently passed by the Council in July and signed into law.

We successfully advocated for the rollback of a TOPA tolling extension bill.

For the second year in a row, DCAR won the prestigious President's Cup, NAR's highest award recognizing only a handful of states each year that achieve their advocacy and RPAC goals.

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DCAR members attended Mayor Bowser's press conference announcing the formation of the Black Homeownership Strike Force.



DCAR and partner organizations discussed how to prioritize housing for diverse communities at Vision Forward: Molding the Future of Housing in the District in November.

## 2022 Elections

This year, DCAR actively engaged in the District's Primary and General Elections, which saw the offices of mayor, attorney general, council chair, as well as five council seats and other offices up for election.

DCAR executed independent expenditures totaling over \$500,000 in the Primary and General Elections, resulting in the successful re-elections of Mayor Muriel Bowser, Chairman Phil Mendelson and councilmembers Anita Bonds and Kenyan McDuffie.

Eight of nine DCAR-endorsed candidates won their Primary Election races and all nine DCAR-endorsed candidates won their General Election races.

## D.C. Council testimony

Testified on the following issues:

- FY '23 budget
- Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Tertius platform
- Notarial Acts Amendment Act of 2021
- Department of Buildings Establishment Act of 2020
- Financial Literacy Education in Schools Amendment Act of 2021

## DCAR Speaker Series

Held three virtual Speaker Series events:

- **March 10:** Short-term Rental Regulations
- **April 14:** The Effects of Climate Change on the District's Real Estate
- **May 19:** Understanding D.C.'s New Landlord-Tenant Laws



At-Large Councilmember Anita Bonds participated in a "fireside chat" at Vision Forward.



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