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**2018 Greater Greater Washington ANC Candidate Questionnaire**  
 Ward 8 Responses (**bold** = Endorsed by GGWash)

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Name: **Rufaro Jenkins**

ANC and Single Member District: **8 E01**

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the redevelopment plans around St. Elizabeths?**

My hopes and concerns are that we the people who resides in Ward 8 and has been residing in Ward 8 are not left out of the planning for Ward 8 gaining us the right to the prosperity the same way we were part of the poverty. The redevelopment plans are signs of Hope for the Community giving us a chance to see that Transformation is also taking place in our Ward and more jobs are coming but we also need opportunities to be developed as a person so that we will be awarded the jobs and not left behind because of qualifications. To know that we will have a hospital in the near future that will beneficial to us and we do not have to drive to George Washington or Washington Hospital Center just to name a couple out of our area, just to get good medical services is a great benefit.

**What is your opinion on the controversy surrounding the Congress Heights Metro area redevelopment? What is your vision for the area, and how do you plan on supporting existing residents there?**

My opinion on the controversy is change can bring fear, fear of the unknown one reason I believe that is because for years people will come in our community with a negative view and not allow the community to be apart of the plan but tell us the plan. I truly believe if we are allowed to be apart of the plan sitting at the table negotiating with the redevelop process and ideas of the residents it will bridge the gap of negativity and deceit. My vision is to see the area look as good as Downtown or upper DC without kicking those who been apart of the poverty conditions out Together I know we can workout Affordable Housing and Employment for our Existing Residents. I worked on the Parkway Overlook Project for 10 years to see that it stays affordable and Rights for former Residents to Return and it happened. I know that it is possible when we take the right approach and remember it is not about us but it is about our Community.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

The Greatest opportunities I see is an Entrepreneur from the community will be given a chance to do something good in the community that they may were born and raised in, becoming beneficial to the community as well as to them. The great risk I see is people taking advantage of the tax break and awarded the opportunity to do that by having a vision to benefit without benefiting the people who lives in the community who pays taxes and trying to maintain their families but again being left out.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I notice that at on Alabama Avenue near Congress Heights Station there are no signs for only 2 hour parking and more out of state tags parking on Alabama Avenue to get on Metro. I personally believe the same parking rules that are in upper NW and Downtown DC should be in Ward 8 when I see this I feel division. I also notice in my area there are no bike lanes on Alabama Avenue, Martin Luther King Avenue just to name a few of the Main Streets when I see this I see division in this City. My approach for this situation because we would loose some street parking is there will always be some pros and cons when we want to see a difference in our communities or our lives and I truly believe that we can't pick and choose only affordable housing without being awarded the same parking conditions throughout the City. If neighborhoods in Adams Morgan, Downtown DC, Georgetown don't want me to park there without a Zone permit for a period of time than I don't want folks feel as if it is okay to park where I live freely without the same parking rules. If I want to ride a bike in neighborhood and feel safe I should be awarded that right therefore give me a bike lane the same way you would give it to the folks in Northwest I shouldn't have to feel safe riding a bike in NW and not in SE it's time to bridge the gap and create a Fair City throughout the City.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

I would like to see new bicycle lanes, on 15th Place, Alabama Avenue, Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Malcom X Avenue, Wheeler Road, Southern Avenue this will help slow up the traffic from Speed. Top Vision Zero priorities I would like to see is People feeling safe when walking outside in our neighborhood: speed bumps on 15th Place, a teenager was hit on the corner of Shippen Lane and 15th and died two of them were hit. I get tired of seeing cars speeding up and down up and down 15th Place and cars coming down Shippen Lane the wrong way because it is a one way street. We should be able to ride our bicycles without out worrying if a car speeding will hit us or our children.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

I believe the ANC role in addressing Housing Affordability challenges is keeping the City aware of the Income that really exist in our community and not the AMI that is set for the District of Columbia by Geographic. The 60% AMI is not reality in our community. We can recognize land in our Ward owned by the Government first and by Developers and holding the Stakeholders accountable of Developing or Redeveloping the land and making it 30%-50% AMI.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Development of the People is, my position on this is to focus on my people are getting the life skills, training, education and guidance needed for the transformation that is taking place with gentrification in this City so that their foundation will not be taken from them especially because they are told they do not qualify for housing and employment opportunities that is a must.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I believe that I am the best person to represent my SMD because I have been advocating on the behalf of my community for over 20 years with a passion believing that we All deserves the opportunity of equal housing, employment, health care, outreach, education, safety and prosperity.

**Sometimes community members advocate for a position that is in their narrow interest, but is counter to broader city-wide interests and is highly problematic position if all communities across DC were to act that way. How will you lead in such a situation? Give a local example if possible.**

I will lead by first organizing people of interest. Example, I will find out the concerns of the people in a collective meeting we will prioritize the concerns, and organize to deal with the concerns after we strategically plan out our ideas to address the Agencies, City Leaders, and communities that it will involve. This is the approach that was taking when Parkway Overlook was being closed in 2008 we organized and met with Council Members, Agencies involved with the Project, Deputy Mayors, and Mayors to get the Victory that was awarded to the Project.

*Name: Adeoye 'Oye' Owolewa*

*ANC and Single Member District: 8 E01*

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the redevelopment plans around St. Elizabeths?**

The redevelopment of St. Elizabeths is a hot topic in Ward 8 E01. While there's excitement to have the Wizards' practice facility close to our homes, there are some concerns regarding the developments. Some major questions center around parking availability and the new facility's impact on traffic. If the Wizards do move to Ward 8, we need to make sure there are measures in place to protect school children who commute home in the afternoon. There is a need for new business and developments in Ward 8, but as they move in – we must work to maintain affordable housing and respect for our community. We need the ANC to be involved in commercial planning to ensure community approval. As a healthcare professional, I am pleased that George Washington University is establishing a hospital on the St. Elizabeths' campus. Currently, pregnant women in Ward 8 must go across town to receive medical care and give birth. This new hospital will allow Ward 8 residents to receive critical care in our community. Having adequate healthcare close to home is not only more convenient but leads to more prompt care when it's most needed, especially with seniors. The greatest concern I have is the community being shut out of the planning process. Our partnership with developers is key to a smooth integration. Every detail of St. Elizabeths impacts all aspects of life in Ward 8, including but not limited to public safety, traffic, crime, population, and law enforcement.

**What is your opinion on the controversy surrounding the Congress Heights Metro area redevelopment? What is your vision for the area, and how do you plan on supporting existing residents there?**

The controversy surrounding Congress Heights housing proves that more discussion and community involvement is needed. In 2011, Sanford Capital was granted rights to redevelop and control the Congress Heights apartments. Soon after, community activists and local media uncovered the horrific conditions tenants live through in other Sanford Capital controlled properties. D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine proceeded to file a lawsuit against Sanford Capital to hold them accountable for their property management code violations. Amid the lawsuit, Sanford Capital shocked the community by giving control of the redevelopment to City Partners. Current residents who live in the property fear City Partners will eventually force them out of their apartments by raising rent costs. Current residents prefer that their homes be redeveloped by NHT - Enterprise, a company that has committed to create 200 affordable housing units in Congress Heights. Given that the ANC Commission represents the community and not big business, I stand by the residents in Ward 8. I do not support Sanford Capital being involved in any aspect of Ward 8E01. I'm against the deal between Sanford Capital and City Partners because it does not have the support of the community. I do, however, support NHT- Enterprise taking over the redevelopment of the Congress Heights area because of their mission to preserve affordable housing. My mission is to keep Ward 8 E01 vibrant and

healthy. This is only possible by working with organizations who share our vision in keeping Ward 8 residents in Ward 8. Profit driven big businesses will do the opposite by driving out lifelong residents in favor of expensive condos and studio apartments. I plan to support existing residents by interacting with them to get their perspective. I will collect their feedback and voice their concerns at the monthly ANC meetings and community events. I understand the importance of raising public awareness to mobilize concerned Washingtonians around a pressing issue. As ANC Commissioner, I will support current residents by prioritizing their views in any plan regarding Congress Heights redevelopment.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

My neighborhood would greatly benefit from investments. Although there is a higher than average unemployment rate in Ward 8, providing jobs is not enough. Rather than merely finding job placement, we need more technical training and skill development. There's a lot of uncertainty with the Opportunity Zone program where companies are given tax credits to provide for the community. For starters, we have no control over the duration of available jobs. We also don't know how many of these jobs are full-time positions with benefits. My vision for Ward 8 goes further than job placement. Our greatest opportunity includes an initiative that instills a sense of apprenticeship and entrepreneurship. We need more local businesses in Ward 8. Increasing Ward 8 entrepreneurs will make our community more self-sufficient. Investing in entrepreneurial opportunities will especially impact our returning citizens. Some Ward 8 residents have criminal records, making it harder for them to find employment. Without a chance of finding legal work, many of them have no choice but to return to the activity that landed them in jail in the first place or to work menial jobs. Ward 8 needs our fathers, sons, brothers, mothers and daughters here with us. By giving all Ward 8 residents, regardless of backgrounds, a real opportunity to prosper through entrepreneurship, we will strengthen Ward 8 in many ways. First, we'll create role models and inspiration by witnessing our neighbors become successful the right way. Also, these entrepreneurs will be able to better contribute to their families. These local businesses may be able to employ at risk youth, getting them off the street and using their time positively. Successful implementation of this strategy will establish wealth, organically increase employment and reduce crime over time. Our greatest risk is expecting corporate investments in our neighborhood to solve all our problems. Although the private sector can help reduce unemployment, we must always remember their interests lie in their bottom line with their financial stakeholders, not in our community. Their job placements will bring people from outside of Ward 8, which would eventually lead to gentrification. The risks of depending on large companies greatly outweigh the benefits. I prefer to directly invest in the people of Ward 8E01 because I know we have sufficient talent to improve our local economy.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

Since 2016, the infrastructure east of the Anacostia River has seen much development; from the redevelopment of St Elizabeths to the infusion of non-profit organizations like Martha's Table, the spotlight is now on Ward 8. Increased business activity and economic development will lead to more people pouring into our communities. Although increasing space for public transportation and bike services can benefit commuters, I do not support removing sidewalks and parking space to create bike lanes at this time. The benefits don't outweigh the costs since there's minimal cyclist activity on our main roads. Most residents in Henson Ridge apartments don't have assigned parking, so removing street parking space would reduce our quality of life. Additionally, removing street parking space would lead to further consequences, including zoned parking that residents would have to pay for. I do, however, support increased bikesharing accessibility in Ward 8E01. Although there's less cycling activity in Ward 8 compared to other areas, many residents who don't own bikes rely on Capital Bikeshare for transportation. My priority as ANC Commissioner would be to increase the number of bicycles in our local Capital Bikeshare station to prepare the community for the future, as new businesses and opportunities will lead to a higher demand for the bikes. As Ward 8 transitions, there will be more Washingtonians depending on bicycles for transportation. Once there's more cyclist activity in Ward 8, we should strongly consider adding bike lanes to busier streets like Alabama Avenue.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

Currently, there's an issue concerning the crosswalk on Alabama Avenue connecting the Shops at Park Village to the Henson Ridge Apartments. Although this crosswalk is appropriately placed, many residents (especially seniors and those who use wheelchairs) are afraid of crossing because of speeding cars. Alabama Avenue lacks adequate safety measures to protect pedestrians going to the shopping center. One of my wheelchair-bound neighbors told me he fears crossing the street because people drive too aggressively and drive through the "flashing yellow light" signal designed to stop traffic. He feels extremely inconvenienced and sometimes waits for more pedestrians to arrive to walk with him on the crosswalk. I propose adding a device that could help protect pedestrians from oncoming traffic. Without adequate traffic control, pedestrians will never feel safe walking that crosswalk. If we install a traditional traffic light system, the flow on Alabama Avenue SE would be greatly slowed. That would cause a backup on Alabama Avenue that will inconvenience drivers commuting to work in the morning or picking up their kids from school in the afternoon. Instead, I propose installing a red light blinking Hawk Beacon system, like one on Connecticut Avenue NW outside of Cleveland Park Metro Station. This red light system has been shown to reduce vehicle incidents by almost 70%. This would help control traffic in a way that would stop traffic upon request only, and pedestrians can be certain they can walk safely. I truly believe in the Vision Zero approach of

eliminating transportation deaths and serious incidents. I believe residents in Ward 8 deserve the same resources as other Wards in the District. By borrowing simple ideas from other areas in D.C., we can improve the lives of our residents and solve some of the issues we are facing. It's just as important to have a Hawk Beacon system on Alabama Ave SE as it is important to maintain the one on Connecticut Ave NW. In addition to a Hawk-Beacon system on Alabama Ave SE, I will fight to bring speed bumps in Ward 8E01 to keep our roads safer.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

The main role of the ANC is to bring community concerns to D.C. lawmakers. Another role we as the ANC have, is informing the community about upcoming policies. Affordable housing is one of the most pressing issues facing Ward 8E01. Ward 8 is home to much of the District's lowest income households. With housing prices and renting costs growing daily, active measures need to be made to protect Ward 8 residents. In the past, low income apartments and certain communities were reserved for low income families. These areas often lacked resources. This lack of economic opportunities, coupled with neighbors living so close to each other, lead to increased crime. Housing vouchers should be used as an alternative to creating low income communities. Housing vouchers allow eligible families to receive up to 75% in assistance to live in their community of choice. Mixed income neighborhoods tend to be cleaner, have better schools and less crime. Vouchers are an important tool in fostering economic development. Unfortunately, the biggest shortcoming of housing vouchers is the amount of families left on the waiting list. In a changing city like Washington DC, there is no shortage of deserving families. Without housing vouchers, many Ward 8 residents will be forced out. Some of these residents are lifelong Washingtonians. Their children and grandchildren go to the same schools they attended years ago. These residents are fixtures of the community and hold our culture together. We, as D.C. policymakers, must do more to provide housing vouchers for eligible Ward 8 residents so we can keep our families together.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

There are numerous of opportunities for the community to improve. In my opinion, one of the most overlooked opportunities is a lack of recreational space in Ward 8E01. Many residents lament the fact that there are no designated places for their children to play. Today, you can find kids playing in the streets. This is problematic because kids are in danger of getting hurt. With no speed bumps in our community, kids have to look out for speeding cars and other dangers of the road. We need to convert our free space into safe play areas for the community. We can start by flattening the elevated and lumpy field between 15th and Tobias Drive. Using this field will help bring the community closer. For starters, kids from different the streets will play together more often. This may lead to greater camaraderie and less crime. Using the field for recreation will also help contain noise. Fewer children will be playing in the parking lots, giving residents who are at home a little more peace and quiet. The children will also be out of harm's way by taking their enjoyment from the dangers of the street to a clean



field that is meant for children. Safe child recreation time is critical for our community because too many parents in Ward 8 are concerned about their kids' well being. Making the neighborhood safer for our kids to play is the number one issue not being talked about by our policymakers and as ANC Commissioner, I will make safer areas for child recreation as one of the first issues we work to solve.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I am the best person to represent Ward 8E01 because I understand my role is to serve my community. The crucial quality I must exercise as ANC Commissioner is the willingness to listen to my community. Leadership is not about imposing my own beliefs on others, but to bring residents together to address issues, fix problems and make our neighborhood safer. Leadership is more about the decisions that are made when no one is looking and being selfless through actions. My parents raised me with the principle of looking out for others, that my neighbors are my family and to always do what you can to help. I have applied these principles throughout my life. For example, I started an engineering club in high school, a minority peer mentorship program in pharmacy school and I currently serve as an advocate against drug abuse in D.C. Since 2014, I've been a member of a non-profit organization called Raising Excitement for Science, Engineering and Technology (RESET). RESET is a coalition of science volunteers who engage elementary students to science through hands-on experiments. As a pharmacist, I understand how important it is to expose children to science professions early. I'm on RESET's Board of Directors and will work to bring RESET and other science organizations to Ward 8 schools. I know what it takes to create opportunities and I put the interests and needs of others above my own. My daily conversations in the community give me perspective and direction. The ANC Commissioners are only as powerful as the community support the ANC earns. There's a great opportunity to strengthen our ANC, and my willingness to seek the community's input on important matters is key to making that happen. In conclusion, I'm the best option for the ANC Commissioner of Ward 8E01 not only because of my extensive leadership history but also because I have the qualities to keep the community involved to keep our neighborhood vibrant and healthy.

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.As ANC Commissioner, I will oversee my community's interests. The only way one can do an adequate job is if the commissioner frequently gathers advice from the neighborhood and seeks feedback from a variety of stakeholders. When the community doesn't hear from the ANC Commissioner, there's no way for the ANC to be a true representative. Ward 8E01 is home to residents from all backgrounds and experiences that can give a commissioner empathy and a true perspective of community needs. Without meaningful interactions, the commissioner often ends up being at odds with the community. An example of this occurred at an ANC

meeting earlier this year. There was a debate about a proposal to redevelop a below-standard apartment complex. The developer went over the specifications of the new apartment and brought some current tenants for testimonials. One of the tenants, a single mother, testified about the terrible conditions she had lived in under the previous landlord. She was very grateful for the developer's efforts and praised the project. Despite the testimonial, some of the ANC Commissioners had questions about the project and voiced their concerns. One commissioner challenged the single mother, asking her why she hadn't moved out earlier when the living conditions were getting worse. He accused her of enabling the situation by not moving out earlier. He didn't realize some people don't have the resources to just pick up and leave, especially when they have children to raise. Moving is a long, difficult and often expensive experience that many people can't afford to do on their own. The ANC Commissioner continued to go back and forth with her, which caused an uncomfortable scene at the ANC meeting. This scene overshadowed the conversation and there was no clear consensus on the overall opinion of the matter. That day, it seemed that some of our ANC Commissioners were more interested in being heard than leading a productive dialogue within the community. This is problematic because ANC Commissioners serve the community. ANC Commissioners and other policymakers should not make assumptions or argue with those they represent. If ANC Commissioners can't understand the needs of their constituents, they won't be able to find solutions that best serve their community, which hurts everyone in the end.

Name: **Amanda Beale**

ANC and Single Member District: **8 E02**

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the redevelopment plans around St. Elizabeths?**

I welcome development East of the River and I look forward to dining out/socializing without having to leave my neighborhood. However, people should not be displaced for my or any other persons enjoyment. The city needs to ensure that our most vulnerable residents (e.g. people with disabilities) have the necessary resources and services to survive. Still, development is inevitable. So, my hope is that there is responsible and clear community benefits agreement. Additionally, I hope for full-time jobs, access to amenities, and just as important, I hope people patronizing the St. Elizabeth corridor respect the residents and our culture. I do not want a hostile relationship between natives and visitors, like Trinidad and Ivy City vs "The Atlas District." Lastly, I hope that the development enhances traffic and pedestrian safety. There are already concerns, so one can only imagine the increase in traffic as development increases.

**What is your opinion on the controversy surrounding the Congress Heights Metro area redevelopment? What is your vision for the area, and how do you plan on supporting existing residents there?**

The controversy is warranted. As we have seen with Arthur Cappers and the long-vacant Robinson Place, residents are fearful that they will become homeless or displaced without the opportunity to return. The city did not all of a sudden start to care about the conditions of residents EOTR. This is about business. So if you're going to do business make sure we are benefiting too. I plan on keeping residents informed and providing them with the resources they need to fight for their rights.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

For me, the risk will always be ulterior motives. Why do investors choose certain organizations or businesses over others? Is it just about the money or are you really interested in providing quality amenities and services to the community? Other than that, the opportunities are fruitful. As I mentioned before, I look forward to enjoying D.C., in my backyard. I shouldn't have to leave my ward to get a 'Columbia Heights' or 'Barracks Row.'

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I would request an advance notice public hearing. Attending the meeting should be stakeholders such as Washington Area Bicyclist Association, D.C. Department of Transportation (e.g. Pedestrian Advisory Council and Vision Zero), Principal or Turner Elementary Representative, Ward 8 Councilmember, and Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. I would ensure that residents clearly understood the pros and cons to the change and that a fair discussion is had before a decision is made.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

I support all proposed locations that are in the Alabama Avenue SE Corridor Safety Study. I hope that Suitland Pkwy and Stanton Rd is maintained (e.g. trimming of trees, trash pick-up), so we can have a quality route to Anacostia Park I would like to see a speeding camera on Alabama Avenue somewhere between Bruce Place and Stanton Road. (Perhaps higher fines for rush hour) In addition to enforcement of pedestrian safety by MPD. This is an issue I complained about since I lived in 8E02. I sent a few emails and was told DDOT with observe the area, but no change was made.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

ANC's could be proponents for housing challenges by informing residents of tenant laws, available housing options, and home-buyer program options. The nature of affordable housing is much larger than ANC, so I believe they are limited to advocacy. Ward 8 contributes our fair share, 8E02 specifically is comprised of all mixed-income housing. Hopefully, the vacant Robinson Place is soon remodeled to provide even more affordable housing to those in need.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Fireworks, renters vs owners, and ATVs/dirtbike. 1) I am willing to turn a 'blind eye' to illegal fireworks on summer holidays (i.e. Memorial Day, Independence, Labor Day). However, the excessive use during the summer days and summer nights (past 10:00 pm) is a disturbance of public peace. I have reached out to the 7D commander and Chief of Police in the past and received a generic response. (I even sent a video my my 4 year old crying) Most people do not know that they are illegal (at least the most popular ones are) and the burden of enforcement lies on the MPD and FEMS. Minimally, a PSA should go out informing people of not just the physical danger, but how the sound and flash can trigger/scare people. 2) There is certainly tension between D.C. natives and 'new residents' especially in Ward 8 (regardless of race). One of my goals as ANC is to bridge that gap. There are residents who have been here well over 10-years and their children are growing up as Washingtonians; they should not be shown hostility because of decisions made by public officials. At the same time, 'newer' resident should not live in communities where they don't respect the culture and look down on people for another way

of living. Communities are stronger when residents work toward common goals and we cannot do that if we are singling each other out. 3) ATVs are illegal, but I don't have an issue with them if properly regulated. Could D.C. secure land in MD or VA for sport? Yes. Will they? No. Were ATV/Dirtbikes a priority issue prior to white people complaining? Not really. However, that does not negate the public safety issue. Government officials should sit down with biker groups and see if a consensus could be agreed upon. Literature could be distributed regarding safety and operations. At the end of the day, there will always be people who break the law and they should be handled accordingly.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I am experienced in navigating the District government and I interact well with people of all backgrounds. In fact, I received an award at work for 'Breaking down Silos.' It helps that I am a native Washingtonian and that I have a family history in Ward 8 because that makes people feel comfortable. I am social media savvy and residents deserve an ANC who will keep them abreast of matters that impact them by any means necessary. I am transparent and a charismatic. The position of ANC is not for the impatient nor arrogant. In two years, I want 8E02 to be a stronger SMD. I want to see an increase in attendance at community meetings, an increase in voter turnout, and even an increase in recycling. Overall, I just want to see us more active in government and politics and making 8E02 a more livable community.

**Sometimes community members advocate for a position that is in their narrow interest, but is counter to broader city-wide interests and is highly problematic position if all communities across DC were to act that way. How will you lead in such a situation? Give a local example if possible.**

Very simply, facts and data trump emotion. If it is a very controversial situation, I would have 'all my ducks in a row' and be prepared for rebuttals. Ultimately, what is best for majority of the community is what is important.

Name: **Anthony Muhammad**

ANC and Single Member District: **8 E02**

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the redevelopment plans around St. Elizabeths?**

That, those who started the CBA will still have the weight of, the ideas that were implement, before we got a new Councilmember

**What is your opinion on the controversy surrounding the Congress Heights Metro area redevelopment? What is your vision for the area, and how do you plan on supporting existing residents there?**

That the developer will help with the beautification of the house in the immediate area of Alabama Av. We hope that event DC will start using water washer to clean Alabama Av after a days work . And those who want to work they will be hired

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

The greatest opportunity is the opportunity and the greatest risk is those who are afforded the opportunity will not take advantage of the opportunity

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I would advocate against bike lane, go the city council hearings, and have the history of other cities, in similar size and politics like New York

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

No bike lanes on Alabama Ave SE, we need new allies and new sidewalks and new LED lights

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

First by educating, also advocating and that will help with eradicating the problems

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Loitering, don't like it

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

Dedicate to the improvement of my community, experience with the function of DC Government, in it for the long haul

**Sometimes community members advocate for a position that is in their narrow interest, but is counter to broader city-wide interests and is highly problematic position if all communities across DC were to act that way. How will you lead in such a situation? Give a local example if possible.**

Initiative 77, most in Ward 8 want this rise, but it's not good for the workers or the owners of small restaurant, so we would have education work shops

Name: **Monica Watts**

ANC and Single Member District: **8 E03**

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the redevelopment plans around St. Elizabeths?**

My hopes are that we as a city can come together and rebuild the gap between ward 8 residences, businesses, opportunities and lavage here surrounding the redevelopment plan around St. Elizabeth's. I hope that residences can embraced change and become apart of the process so we can become more unified in the city. My concerns are just educating and making sure Ward 8 residents isn't left out o the equation. As an ANC I'm obligated to help my people understand the impact that any redevelopment taking place in the Ward 8 will have on our residents. My goal is to look at everything in a positive manner and make sure that I embraced the change so my energy can flow onto others.

**What is your opinion on the controversy surrounding the Congress Heights Metro area redevelopment? What is your vision for the area, and how do you plan on supporting existing residents there?**

My opinion is that nothing stay the same, people do have a hard time embracing change if they are not allow to become apart of the process. I want to help our people understand the results comes in number and the process all depends on how we put ourselves in a position to be at the table to bring about change. How we can work together and embrace the beauty of our city. I would like to bring hope and teamwork back to our community. My vision just surrounds resilience, ambition and accomplish things as a whole, and as one. I plan on helping the existing residents by simply getting everyone involved. Identifying everyone strengthens and weakness.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

I see opportunity to be taken more on the social responsibility side instead of opportunity that can impact the people in a long run. I see this really making the investment more attractive and beneficial to the business and not the area itself.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I will conduct surveys for residents that live in that particular area and see how it would impact residents. I will than conduct surveys with bus and bike user in that area . I will compare and contrast and see who have the greatest impact. I will t5han allowed surrounding area all to enter into a productive conversation and see how the residents feel.



**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

May creating bicycle lane on the street to prevent accidents and less traffic concerns. Savannah Terraces off of Alabama Avenue, too much traffic and turns to gain access of highways.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

I believe ANC can help the resident fight with the city by going to fight for better legislative, that give the city more access to fund to assisted with housing.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Crime. I really believe that negative things happen when positive people does nothing. My position is to help and assists people with attaining opportunities that will allow that to look as life in a different fashion. Allowing them to see themselves in a light to give back and make the city better. Show people what can happen when that are giving the right opportunity.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I'm the best person to represent my community, because I have endured so many obstacles but with the help of city leaders and exposer, I was able to find myself and give my community hope.

**Sometimes community members advocate for a position that is in their narrow interest, but is counter to broader city-wide interests and is highly problematic position if all communities across DC were to act that way. How will you lead in such a situation? Give a local example if possible.**

I will make sure that ever developer that comes to the city actually hire and mentor young adult to take on leadership role within their agency. I will allowed those individual to come back and tackle different community issue and create a team that will go out and communicate the importance's of each issues and how they can contribute to make the issue better for the city as a whole.

Name: **Andrew 'Andy' Pulsirisaroth**

ANC and Single Member District: **8A01**

**What do believe is the right balance between the development of affordable housing and market rate housing in your community? How does this view intersect with the 11th Bridge Park Equitable Development Plan?**

The right balance lies in diversity. The community is better served when there is a more equal distribution of affordable, workforce, and market-rate housing.

**How does Anacostia balance preserving its historic buildings with adding more housing and increased commercial development? In your mind, what is that balance and how will you support that balance as a commissioner?**

As a former (2016-17) Historic Anacostia resident, I value the importance of its historic buildings. In the historic district, I believe that adding more housing and preserving historic buildings are often one and the same; derelict properties owned by DHCD would be of better use rehabbed and utilized as affordable, workforce, and market rate housing.

**What is your opinion of the controversy surrounding the storage facility in Fairlawn? What are your hopes and/or concerns for the site?**

There is no controversy here other than the neglect by the city to properly zone this lot in the comprehensive plan. A number of residents, including myself, do not feel that a 24-hour storage facility on a residential street overlooking Anacostia Park is in line with our community. It could deter efforts to keep the Anacostia river progressing to a healthier state, and the increased traffic on narrow residential streets adjacent to two schools does not lend to public safety.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

The greatest opportunity would be for local entrepreneurs to have the ability to start or grow their business where they reside, and where the economic landscape is rapidly changing. The greatest risk is that, if not facilitated to the benefit of local small business owners, they could be left behind.

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the Poplar Point redevelopment plans?**

My hope is that the Poplar Point redevelopment will bring jobs to the area, not only in its construction, but also with the addition of enough retail and commercial employment

opportunities. My concern is that the developer could cater more to the driving community and focus less on the walkability for local residents to access and enjoy the amenities.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I think the situation must be viewed on an individual basis, as the number of older apartment buildings in our SMD did not have to comply with parking minimums in their day, forcing so many residents to park on-street. However, there is room for improvement since the buses can congest portions of Minnesota Ave connecting Pennsylvania Ave to Good Hope Rd. Additionally, biking infrastructure is practically non-existent in our SMD. We should seek improvements by adding bike lanes where feasible, and bus bays to prevent buses from clogging traffic at every stop.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

With our single member district (SMD) encompassing a portion of Anacostia Park, it makes practical sense that we have adequate bicycle infrastructure to connect our residents to our beloved national park. Pedestrian safety is a major concern in our single member district, especially along Minnesota Ave. Additionally, our SMD is lacking in the number of Capital Bikeshare stations, which further marginalizes our community by suppressing additional, safe modes of transportation other than driving. Pedestrian crosswalks on Minnesota Ave provide a false sense of security with the volume and speed of traffic. Our residents could drastically benefit from pedestrian crossing signals (that actually function!) and curb bulb-outs to reduce the exposure to vehicular traffic while crossing Minnesota Ave.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

For one, the proposed storage facility could be converted to a housing project for seniors and families, adding to the number of affordable housing units in our SMD. I would advocate for that as it would benefit the community far more than a commercial storage building.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Perhaps it's not a controversy, as I'm not aware of what the previous Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners have advocated for, but there exists a clear lack of pedestrian safety in a community where so many walk to school and work. Vision Zero goals should be applied to all parts of the city, with an even greater focus on areas east of the river where residents rely more heavily on public transportation and safe accommodations.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

The best person to represent our SMD should be inclusive of ALL residents' needs and concerns. Someone who will advocate for public safety, safe accommodations, and a more walkable and bikeable neighborhood, while promoting and inviting smart commercial development that is inclusive of all incomes. That person is me, and that is my goal if I am Commissioner of ANC 8A01 for the next two years.

**Sometimes community members advocate for a position that is in their narrow interest, but is counter to broader city-wide interests and is highly problematic position if all communities across DC were to act that way. How will you lead in such a situation? Give a local example if possible.**

I will approach it from the perspective of the community as a whole.

*Name: Troy Donte' Prestwood*

*ANC and Single Member District: 8A04*

**What do believe is the right balance between the development of affordable housing and market rate housing in your community? How does this view intersect with the 11th Bridge Park Equitable Development Plan?**

I believe, as a rule, it should be an imperative that the District develop quality housing for residents at all income levels. While my community has a large stock of what is considered “affordable” homes and apartments compared to inventory west of the river, the cost of housing continues to rise. This is especially true for my neighbors who pay a large percentage of their income for housing. So, what can be done? I believe any new housing development in my community must include units set aside for residents who make 60 percent and below of the Family Media Income (FMI), particularly if government land and/or funds are involved with the project. The 11th Bridge Park Equitable Development Plan has certainly captured the attention of housing advocates for its potential to develop public-private partnerships aimed at preserving and/or building affordable housing in the area. I support the effort and want to see how it will further unfold. I believe in the concept of “Land Trusts” where the community has collective ownership and can direct decisions on land development. This has the potential to be an important tool to develop quality housing at all income levels. From a public policy perspective, I fully support increasing the requirements for Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) from the current 8-10 percent to between 15 and 20 percent. The current rates have not done enough to keep up with the demand for housing on the lower end of the average area income. In fact, our ANC recently finalized an agreement with a developer to make 20 percent of the development’s housing units affordable. This should be a model for how public policy can play a role in addressing our housing crisis, which is long overdue.

**How does Anacostia balance preserving its historic buildings with adding more housing and increased commercial development? In your mind, what is that balance and how will you support that balance as a commissioner?**

Residents deserve to have their neighborhood’s vision and values front and center when confronted with new development. In the past, I have supported development in the historic district that both honors the charm and character of the district’s past while looking toward the future needs of our residents and a changing city. I will continue to strike the right balance between the needs of residents and developers by supporting strong and robust civic engagement from area residents, organizations, and the business community to ensure we remain committed to our neighborhood’s vision and values. Residents deserve to live in a community they can be proud of. Their voices are critical to ensuring this remains so.

**What is your opinion of the controversy surrounding the storage facility in Fairlawn? What are your hopes and/or concerns for the site?**

I stand with residents opposed to the storage facility as I believe it is the wrong type of development for the neighborhood. Again, residents should be proud of the community they live in but they are not happy with a commercial enterprise of this size and scale in their residential neighborhood. I am on record supporting the rezoning of the site from commercial to residential. In fact, the site is located next to the entrance to our beloved national treasure-- Anacostia Park. The location would be a great place to build residential development and I will continue to fight for it.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

Opportunity Zones will provide tremendous potential for Ward 8-based small business owners to create a vibrant, flourishing and sustainable business community in the heart of Anacostia. Moreover, these zones will offer historically underfunded and under-resourced minority and women-owned entrepreneurs an opportunity to grow and prosper where they live. Our community has an incredible thirst for amenities like restaurants, dry cleaners, and a grocery store. Investments in Opportunity Zones can go a long way to quench that thirst and provide the community with much-needed jobs as well as long-awaited goods and services. My chief concern, however, is ensuring large-scale enterprises do not use the zones to snap up large blocks of real estate or try to consolidate economic power in the hands of a few.

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the Poplar Point redevelopment plans?**

The Poplar Point development should return long-vacant land back to good use, both residentially and commercially. I am hopeful that upgrades to the west entrance of the Anacostia Metro Station will breathe new life into the station and be a community benefit for generations to come. I am also hopeful that the new streetscape along Howard Road, SE will integrate well with the east oval of the Frederick Douglass Bridge project. I am not confident, however, that we have a cohesive transportation plan in place to handle increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic to the area as the scale, size and scope of the proposed development is quite dense. Also, the I-295 overpass remains a barrier to the rest of the Anacostia community and sticks out like a sore thumb. I want to see a plan in place from District planners to address this. I would also like to see a higher percentage of Inclusionary Zoning units above the minimum of 8-10 percent included in the housing portion of the development. Finally, I hope the developer will work with the ANC to finalize a comprehensive Community Benefits Agreement that will, as a starting point, support area residents, organizations, and neighborhoods with jobs/skills training, financial support, and beautifying the community at large.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

Many residents in my neighborhood, myself included, depend a great deal on public transit. I fully support the expansion of new and innovative transit options that improve the way people get around the city. I can support a limited use of street parking for Capital Bikeshare docking stations in areas where it makes sense. But such removal must have community buy-in, and be calculated case by case. As far as dedicated bus lanes, I am not supportive of wholesale removal of street parking for such an effort but I would be open to studying the concept further, especially if it can improve how we move people around. Two things we can do now to improve transportation in our area is 1) return to opening parking lanes on main thoroughfares during rush hour to better move traffic through the area, especially on Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and 2) synchronize traffic lights to give buses signal priority on clogged roads and prevent bus bunching.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

I believe portions of Good Hope Road, SE, especially east of 16th Street, SE could handle dedicated bike lanes. The top Vision Zero priority area in my community is 16th Street between Butler and W Streets, SE. City agencies have denied residents' request for traffic calming devices in the past. It is time for the city to tell us what they will do to protect pedestrians and property.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

My community has already provided an outsized share of affordable housing for the city. What we need now is more quality housing that meets the needs of residents at all income levels. Our ANC has a role to play in supporting a plan that any new housing developments include units set aside for residents who make 60 percent and below of the Family Median Income (FMI). The ANC should also increase the percentage of Inclusionary Zoning requirements for projects that use government land and/or funds for their projects.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Public safety is one of the biggest issues impacting our community. I continue to work with law enforcement partners to address hot spots and nuisance properties. I have also worked with District agencies and nonprofit organizations to help residents who are facing a personal crisis at home. Going forward I want to work with partners to reinstitute a gun buyback program. I want to see the District hiring more violence interrupters who help warring neighborhood

crews quash differences, provide mentorship, and connect young men to city services. Lastly, we must get more residents and businesses in the area to take part in the District's surveillance camera reimbursement program to increase safety in the community. There are all things I am working on now and will continue into the next term.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I believe I am still the best person to continue representing SMD-8A04 for two reasons: experience matters. We have myriad challenges facing the community and many of the residents who live here need a fighter who is not afraid to go to battle. I am a proven leader who is competent, resourceful, and able to deliver on behalf of constituents. I have a proven track record of accomplishment of solving resident challenges, navigating the District and federal governments, working with nonprofits organizations, community leaders, and being a tough negotiator with developers on behalf of our community. I have done all of this while working to grow a small Ward 8-based business and maintaining my role as a dedicated family man. I want safe neighborhoods, clean streets, and increased coordination of public/private sectors for goods and services. We need to go back to the days of strong neighborhood watch programs. I want our faith community to step up with a greater presence on the blocks surrounding their sanctuaries. I want elders to reclaim their perch as seasoned leaders of this community and not live in fear. I want more support for our youth so that they will become the next generation of leaders in our city. And I want to represent SMD-8A04 for two more years if given the honor once again.

**Sometimes community members advocate for a position that is in their narrow interest, but is counter to broader city-wide interests and is highly problematic position if all communities across DC were to act that way. How will you lead in such a situation? Give a local example if possible.**

It is the leader's responsibility to lead always, even if having a prevailing thought runs counter to the majority. I have taken positions that may not have always been popular but were the right decision. The best way to lead in such scenarios is to ensure there is a proper airing of all sides of a controversial issue so that community members are fully aware of the pros and cons of the interests they are advocating for, especially when changing their minds to undo a bad decision will be difficult or set a bad precedent going forward.



Name: *Ronald Thompson*

ANC and Single Member District: *8A04*

**What do believe is the right balance between the development of affordable housing and market rate housing in your community? How does this view intersect with the 11th Bridge Park Equitable Development Plan?**

East of the Anacostia communities currently have a glut of aging and outdated apartments, a marker for the growing disparity in the District. As the rest of the District grows out its residential and commercial capacity, the neighborhoods that comprise the 8A area should be included. In order to bring that investment to these neighborhoods, we must accompany market rate housing with real commitments to affordable housing. We need to avoid the mistakes of the Skyland Town Center development, where just 30% percent of the units available will be set aside as affordable. 8A's current leadership has also permitted a development to go up on prime real estate on Martin Luther King Avenue, where a majority of the units available are one bedrooms. We are inadvertently subsidizing displacement by supporting projects that price and space people out. We also lack clear commitments from developers who claim to be hiring from the immediate community. With the boom of development east of the Anacostia, the unemployment rate in Ward 8 should not still be in the double digits. I believe the ANC's role is to actively pursue First Source hiring and Community Benefit Agreements that bind Building Trade Unions and developers to find, train, and license people in the community who are actively seeking work in the construction industry. The 11th Street Plan is everything I can want from a developer coming to Ward 8, and this neighborhood especially. The 11th Street Bridge Park Equitable Development Plan represents the type of forward thinking development that we need, and from past experience working with some of the minds behind the Bridge Park I know that its leadership is committed to engaging and listening to the communities that will be affected by the development.

**How does Anacostia balance preserving its historic buildings with adding more housing and increased commercial development? In your mind, what is that balance and how will you support that balance as a commissioner?**

Anacostia has very prominent historic corridors that need to be protected. I was quite disappointed to learn that the Big K storefront was being removed altogether, and I am further disturbed to learn that a site for the Big K structure has not been found. At the same time, we cannot use historic preservation as a cudgel to block development as some other communities have done. Within 8A04, we are a mostly residential district. I have seen additions to homes that would likely be opposed in other neighborhoods, and the additions are mostly things that do nothing to increase the overall appearance of the neighborhood or increase the capacity of the home. In one case, I saw a drainage pipe that led from a home onto the street that likely causes issues when there is heavy rain. My thinking on issues when it comes to preserving historic residential areas is to listen to the people who live on the block. If the overwhelming

majority of folks find something offensive I would be bound to listen and act on their concerns. But in cases where increased commercial development is at question, I will have to look at the whole of the district and what our needs in relation to a proposed project.

**What is your opinion of the controversy surrounding the storage facility in Fairlawn? What are your hopes and/or concerns for the site?**

Our community isn't a storage facility. There are better uses for that plot of land than a storage facility. I am not as supportive of changing the zoning of that lot from commercial to residential to block that specific project, but I do support the reasoning behind why that avenue was chosen.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

We're giving away too many tax breaks to developers and corporations as is. Mayor Muriel Bowser and the DC Council shouldn't attack Donald Trump and Congressional Republicans for their tax cuts if they're going to use city funds to benefit the wealthy and big business. Opportunity Zones will only work if revenues drawn directly from the limited taxation on these business goes into property tax abatement for the elderly and working class homeowners. We need to put that money back into expanding family-sized housing. If those steps aren't taken by District leadership then our Mayor and Council aren't as progressive as they claim.

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the Poplar Point redevelopment plans?**

As someone who was involved in securing funding for the environmental remediation efforts going on at Poplar Point, I first want to see Poplar Point cleaned up. In the coming years, areas along the Anacostia River will be humming with activity. The western bank has already seen an explosion in activity. We shouldn't hold up our piece of the pie for random reasons. For any development along the east bank of the Anacostia accessibility is an issue. I want to know that the necessary transportation infrastructure will be in place so that the new Poplar Point is walkable, bike-able, and easily accessed by Metro.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

In my neighborhood along 16th Street SE, we constantly see a bottleneck of buses and local traffic due to the ability of residents and visitors to park on the street during the morning and evening rush hours. If improving the flow of local traffic and buses meant removing on-street parking in our case I would support it, but not without providing homeowners some recourse. We have a number of options, including allowing zone parking where 16th Street is wider near

its intersection with Hunter Place and Bangor Street. I would also go so far as to lobby the District to provide funding to apartment owners to create or expand alleyway parking.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

We need more sidewalks in a lot of residential areas, along with bike lanes throughout the internal arteries of Anacostia. A lot of kids are riding bikes, scooters, and mopeds alongside cars in my community, and it is a recipe for fatal accidents. We also have been slow to make sidewalks accessible to the elderly, there aren't bus shelters at junctures where there is heavy bus ridership. We need a lot to make it safer and more convenient for the large number of people who do not use cars to get around.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

After attending my first ANC meeting, I was shocked by the seeming ineffectiveness (or ineptitude) for the commission to negotiate with developers to look out for residents. An ANC has the unique power to determine the life or death of a project, and I do not believe that ANC 8A has exercised that power. As a commissioner, I will focus on two things when it comes to development – jobs and displacement. I believe that one thing we aren't considering whether we are building enough supply of the right types of housing (units that exceed 2 bedrooms), and that is directly connected to the people not being able to find new housing. The second part to the affordability issue for residents of my community and Ward 8 is the fact that unemployment remains high. We have got to find better solutions for people looking for work, and we shouldn't be wasting money to train people for jobs that aren't paying the wages to get into the workforce. As a commissioner, I want to work to ensure that any development that comes to this community is bound by a First Source employment agreement; I will also lobby the building trades unions to help train any license anyone who wants to get into the field, and ensure that we are able to create a pipeline right here in Southeast for jobs right here and throughout the city.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

What I consider to be a controversy is the rubber stamp tendencies of our commissioners. They have written letters in support of charter schools that wish to set up shop next door to traditional public schools, creating unnecessary competition for resources and students that doesn't need to happen. They have been a no show when it comes to getting the types of PUDs that you see in other areas of the city. They have been no-shows on the issue of crime, and haven't galvanized community support to combat the rash of crime we see spike throughout the year. If the abdication of responsibility of this commission isn't a controversy then I'm not sure what would constitute a controversy.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I believe that I am the best person to represent my SMD because I have faced the challenges that people who call this place home have faced. I have real roots in this community. I have had to walk the streets and sidewalks. I also believe that I have a forward vision that will uplift this community that our current ANC does not have. In 2 years, I wish to see our ANC energizing our neighborhoods, and building the trust that is needed to bring back a sense of connection between neighbors. In 2 years, I want to see ANC 8A flexing its muscle in the city, and being a guide for Ward 8 as to how we can get what is due to us in terms of opportunity and access.

**Sometimes community members advocate for a position that is in their narrow interest, but is counter to broader city-wide interests and is highly problematic position if all communities across DC were to act that way. How will you lead in such a situation? Give a local example if possible.**

There are issues on which compromise is sometimes impossible, but I believe that the majority of our divides are easily bridgeable. As a high school debater, I am a firm believer in discourse, and so I believe that we need to talk more beyond our bubbles. If we can't compromise then the next step is lobbying, and that requires lobbying. I think one example is the construction of shelters in all eight wards save for Ward 2. Ward 2 got to avoid the construction of a new shelter because they already have a women's shelter, but we in Ward 8 have a glut of District agencies and community based organizations that provide services to working people. I believe that if we discussed and lobbied those who oppose the construction of another a shelter in Ward 2 we would have got it constructed. We have to talk to one another on a community level to understand that in this city you need cooperation and equitable sharing of the responsibility of caring for our disadvantaged; if you don't have this cooperation you'll see repeats of the housing crisis, spikes in violent crimes, and the negative things that scared so many people away from D.C.

Name: **Dorcas Agyei**

ANC and Single Member District: **8A05**

**What do believe is the right balance between the development of affordable housing and market rate housing in your community? How does this view intersect with the 11th Bridge Park Equitable Development Plan?**

At a minimum, I believe at least 10% of the occupancy rate should be affordable housing with developers showing the willingness to modify allowances upon listening to the feedback of the residents. Affordable housing also impacts homeowner, and I'd like to see policies that are nuanced enough to protect both renters and homeowners (especially the elderly) alike from the displacement of their homes. I am encouraged by the goals set forth for the 11th Bridge Park project, and I'm optimistic that project will be successful. The 11th bridge connecting sidewalk from MLK Ave. to towards the Navy Yard is already successfully allowing Anacostia residents to walk and bike safely to the Navy Yard area ending decades of structural isolation for the pedestrians east of the river. It will be nice to see Anacostia become a designation location like other part of Washington, DC!

**How does Anacostia balance preserving its historic buildings with adding more housing and increased commercial development? In your mind, what is that balance and how will you support that balance as a commissioner?**

It starts with developers and community members respecting and supporting each other's vision of the community's future and establishing common ground agreed upon objective that both sides can support. Developers need to understand the support the tenet of being good neighbors, especially in historic districts where residents (especially homeowners) take pride in the charm in uniqueness of their homes. 8A05 residents want to participate in the plans for economic prosperity of their neighborhoods; they want to see their neighborhoods thrive. Ideally, the goal should be to have developers in 8A05 that understand and respect the sensitivities of working in an historic district. Some examples of a developer being good neighbor would be a developer willing to meet with community members instead of sending proxies into the community that are neither an executive agent for the developer nor has the authority to entering into a binding contract on behalf of the developer with the community. Another example of a good developer would be, a developer willing to incorporate historic features into its building design that would support the look and feel of neighborhood its property is joining (e.g., use of setbacks, complimentary color schemes and building design). If a developer exercised a willingness to listen and engage community members in a cooperative-collaboration, I believe the developer would find the community would be more likely to support and champion the building initiatives of said developer. The ANCs goal should be to always strive for an outcome between community and developer that will give the community economic prosperity in a building(s) the community will be proud to see in their neighborhood for years to come. (See BZA 19572)

**What is your opinion of the controversy surrounding the storage facility in Fairlawn? What are your hopes and/or concerns for the site?**

This proposed facility would be in 8A01, but I share the concerns expressed by the residents of 8A01. I support the Commissioner of 8A01's efforts to represent the values of her constituents and want to protect the aesthetics of the community. Having a Cube Smart near the entrance of Anacostia Park seems like an odd welcoming "gateway" building to greet visitors of Anacostia Park. The addition of a storage facility in a neighborhood in need of economic prosperity (Ward 8 has the highest unemployment rates in the city) and affordable housing seems tone deaf to the needs of the community. My hope is that the Office of Planning and the elected officials of Ward 8 will start to have collaborative partnership that will result in business ventures and developments projects that will impact the neighborhoods in a dynamic ways similar to the expressed goals of the 11th Bridge Park Equitable Development Plan.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

The entire Good Hope Road corridor/strip of 8A05 from 14th Street and Good Hope Road SE 1400 block through 16th 1900 block and Good Hope Road SE is marred with abandoned storefronts and buildings. Some of the abandonment is the result and aftermath of fires as in the cases of Kutt u' Up barber shop and adjacent store Cash King. Other buildings have remained abandoned after businesses and/or gov't centers that left the Good Hope Road because those building never gained business successors as renters. In the case of the build on the corner of Good Hope Road and Minnesota Ave that once housed a probation center, the building now has a banner that has hung on the building for almost two years advertising 7000 square ft. of commercial space. There is great opportunity for the needed revitalization of Good Hope Road. Some of this development has already been scheduled (e.g., the MLK Gateway project). The biggest risk/concern of the residents is displaced of residents on both fixed incomes and in low income jobs due to potentially drastically increasing in housing costs (e.g., rents, mortgages, and property taxes).

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the Poplar Point redevelopment plans?**

This development (the Columbian Quarters project) falls within the SMD of 8A06; however, I've attended several community meetings discussing this project. As with most redevelopment plans in Ward 8, there is always a concern about the displacement of historic residents and the loss of things that were nostalgic to the community. I hope this development and its developer, Redbrick, keeps its commitment to affordable housing as wells as implements many of the community suggested changes given at the community outreach meetings hosted by the current ANC of 8A06. In addition, I'm hopeful that this development will create employment opportunities for local residents.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

Removal of on-street parking is not a viable solution for the 8A05 community. The majority of residents do not have the option of off-street parking for their vehicles. I would need to further understand how and why the removing of on-street parking was advocated for 8A05.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

Top of mind, there have been two areas of concern in 8A05: 16th Street 1900 block and U Street SE (car wiped out a homeowner's side fence) and 16th Street and V Street 1600 block SE (cars are continually crashing into the "brick- wall-edging" of that homeowner's yard. In addition, neighbors have been complaining about the over grown trees and brushes obscuring visibility at the interaction of Minnesota Ave. and 16th Street SE. (I've encourage both residents to call 311 to ensure that their complaints are documented with the city). As an ANC, I would use the Vision Zero objective as another way to interact with the residents of 8A05 and get their feedback from the community about unsafe areas. I'd continue to urge/ask residents to report those concerns through in 311 which would then allow me as an ANC to follow-up on any open (outstanding) service tickets directly with the appropriate city agencies (respectively DOT and the Dept. of Public Works in this example).

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

There is a disproportioned amount of neglect and blight in Ward 8. 8A05 has numerous vacant lots and deteriorated homes that are visible on nearly every block. These properties have always given the DC gov't the ability to address its affordable housing issue. For many, if not all, of these properties are owned by the district gov't (DHCD) and have been owned by DC gov't for years (often decades). The Mayor's new mandate to identity and development all vacant properties owned by city is finally a plan-of-action to help provide affordable housing to district residents. My block alone had three vacant lot properties (all fill-in lots); two lots are currently under development as commercial space, and the remaining lot which has been undeveloped for more than 50 years is scheduled to become an affordable single-family house. I think it is imperative that ANC officials in Ward 8A keep pressure on DHCD to meet provided timelines of completion for projects that have started and continue to work with prospective developers to create mixed-income-tiered housing for the community.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

My community has a plethora of institutions that many would categorize as “not in my back yard” institutions (drug rehab clinics, former probation center, half-way houses: all within four blocks of each other). This is particularly troubling to many homeowners new to 8A05. I shared similar views as a new homeowner when I first moved here in 2004; I couldn’t understand how it was permissible to have a probation center less than 100 ft. away from Ketcham Element School. Now 2018, the probation center is gone and the building in question has had a for lease sign advertising 7000 sq. ft of commercial space for almost two years. Living in 8A05 has made me more compassionate, humble, and definitely more grateful for my life’s circumstances. Ward 8 has the largest concentration of poverty in Washington, DC, and I see daily reminders of people’s life’s struggles living in 8A05. It is unfortunate that so many social service centers are needed in the community, but it is very apparent that there is a lot of suffering in 8A05. My main concern is that it doesn’t appear that these social services (especially the drug abuse treatment) are working. I’m seeing more people openly use drugs and passed out. I want to support the institutions and the people that are dedicated to helping others, for many of our neighbors may only be a pay check or two away from bad times. I would welcome meetings with several directors of area social service programs as an ANC to get their feedback on the perceived problem (s) and hear their thoughts on the things they believe are need to make rehabilitation and/or treatment programs successful.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What’s your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I care about the well-being and prosperity of 8A05. When I learning that my community was in jeopardy of not having a representative for the community, I was determined to fill that void. I have lived in Historic Anacostia for over 14 years. I call Anacostia home, and I belong to the community of 8A05. I’m running for ANC 8A05 because the residents of 8A05 deserve knowledgeable and responsive leadership, and I can provide it. I am committed to actively engaging with community residents for 8A05 to hear their concerns. I am committed to representing and advocating for my community’s concerns to city officials, community leaders and prospective developers. I’m committed to serving 8A05 because 8A5 has made me a better person. And most importantly, I am committed to service and completing processes requirement to serve effectively. During my tenure my goal is to have my community know 1)who their local ANCs are 2) I’d like to see more community members at the ANC meeting and 3) I’d like to see community members involved with political activities that support the issues that they are passionate about and finally 4) I want to see the community actively involved in the revitalization of Anacostia.



**Sometimes community members advocate for a position that is in their narrow interest, but is counter to broader city-wide interests and is highly problematic position if all communities across DC were to act that way. How will you lead in such a situation? Give a local example if possible.**

I believe in providing information and transparency when advocating for a position. IF the residents know what you are trying to do AND how it will impact them, opinions and (often) complaints will be given and made. I believe in asking questions during open forums that frame the concerns of the community. It is also important to provide your own data sources when providing counter evidence to the community and elected officials (don't just blindly trust the reports of the city). Example, in the community's dispute with BZA matter 19572, I asked the incumbent ANC of 8A05 during an ANC meeting if he agreed with the findings of a traffic report commissioned by the developer re: available street parking in the area; the commissioner with was unable to answer the question and it became apparent that he had not read the traffic report. My neighbors and I were successfully able to rally the community to help us overturn an initial vote offering a letter of support from the ANC to the developer for a parking requirement variance. The ANC's letter of support was subsequently rescinded. (See BZA 19572 and East of the River January 2018 Clash over 15th Street and Good Hope Road Development)

Name: **Greta Fuller**

ANC and Single Member District: **8A06**

**What do believe is the right balance between the development of affordable housing and market rate housing in your community? How does this view intersect with the 11th Bridge Park Equitable Development Plan?**

I believe the right balance of affordable and market rate housing will help create a safe, flourishing and economically stable community. I have always envisioned the community I live in as a place of diversity. ANC 8A06 has historically and will continue to support residents that need a hand up and we look forward to creating and supporting housing, programming, and amenities that benefit all residents, no matter their income. ANC 8A06 has done more than its part to support affordable housing in our community. We currently have three 100% affordable income capped housing projects slated to be constructed within three blocks of each other and several vacant lots that will be used to create affordable single-family homes. Our goal is to continue to support and create affordable housing, but it is time to diversify our portfolio by creating market-rate housing to balance out the income capped affordable housing projects in the area. The 11th St Bridge Equitable Development Plan was developed on the vision of the existing community. The important take away from the 11th St Bridge Park is that the organization has worked tirelessly to listen to the residents and stakeholders in the community. Because they have listened and worked with the community space will be created that will be a part of the overall vision of the community. Projects should be a part of a community, the community should not be a part of someone's project. I think the 11th St Bridge Park is doing a good job to enhance and work with the existing community.

**How does Anacostia balance preserving its historic buildings with adding more housing and increased commercial development? In your mind, what is that balance and how will you support that balance as a commissioner?**

Historic buildings and the addition of housing, they are not mutually exclusive. I have always supported growth and development if it is thoughtful and mindful of the people, culture, and structures that make up the community. I partner regularly with residents and stakeholders, Historic Anacostia Preservation Society (HAPS), Historic Preservation Office (HPO), DC Preservation League and the many historic districts throughout Washington DC to understand the current historic laws, regulations, and guidelines that pertain to the historic district. I regularly review designs, testify at hearings, seek professional advice and encourage community members to provide feedback on projects. One example of my support, input, and testimony can be seen in the design of the MLK Gateway Project. The project will be located at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr Ave. SE and Good Hope Rd. SE. It will incorporate the existing historic structures with new construction and development along the business corridor in Historic Anacostia, This project will also provide the much-needed office and retail space to support the community. Another example of a project where I land actively worked with

community members, key stakeholders and the developer in Historic Anacostia will be located in the 1200 block of V St SE. This project when completed will be new housing created in the historic district on a vacant lot and existing parking lot. The project is especially important because it will showcase how a new housing development can be incorporated in a historic district thoughtfully with quality materials and design. It will also address senior housing and support aging in place in our city and community. And finally, four historic houses that were once in DHCD's portfolio and remained vacant and blighted for years will be affordable housing. As the current Commissioner of ANC 8A06 with the help of Councilmember Mendelson, the support of the entire Council, Historic Anacostia Preservation Society (HAPS), and the many residents that live in and around Historic Anacostia. Mayor Bowser saw the importance of the historic houses to the community and what it would mean for them to become workforce housing. This was very important as a Commissioner it shows the process can work and now four very important historic houses can be rehabbed by the L'Enfant Trust a non-profit organization that has a proven track record of restoring historic houses in Historic Anacostia.

**What is your opinion of the controversy surrounding the storage facility in Fairlawn? What are your hopes and/or concerns for the site?**

I am totally against the storage facility at that location. I am not against storage facilities in general, but the location is key to entering Anacostia Park and connecting the community to the Anacostia River and Park. The most appropriate use of the land would be to create workforce and market-rate housing with ownership opportunities. A storage facility will add traffic, create a barrier, add safety concerns for residents as large vehicles travel back and forth in front of the entrance to the park, create noise for the existing residents all day and night, increase trash and illegal dumping all of which we do not need at the entrance of the Anacostia Park. The Anacostia River could be in jeopardy of more contaminants in the river due to the high volume of sediment that will be created by large trucks. The community or the city does not need a storage facility, we need the opportunity to live in the life not store in the city. If residents are struggling to pay for housing I don't see how we are going to pay for storage.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

My understanding is that Opportunity Zones are "a development tool used to spur economic development and job creation in distressed communities". I am not sure how an Opportunity Zone will work or if restraints will be placed on the community that isn't in the community's interest. What I know about policies shoved into government tax bills at the last minute to create or pass legislation is that there will be parameters that must be adhered to and often those parameters exclude or hinder the persons or communities that need them the most. Until I fully understand how an Opportunity Zone will benefit or negatively affect my community the verdict is still out!

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the Poplar Point redevelopment plans?**

The District of Columbia has not received ownership of Poplar Point even though the Federal and District Government Real Property Act was passed in 2006. There are several Federal Agencies that need to be relocated on the site and findings set forth by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) need to be completed and reviewed. The District of Columbia is currently in the process of conducting a CERCLA Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS) of the Poplar Point Site under the oversight of NPS. There are also efforts underway by the District of Columbia to create a Small Area Study and Environmental Impact Plan. Once the studies are complete and reviewed my hope is that the residents and the government will work together to create an environmentally conscious community at Poplar Point. The new community created should include green space and provide opportunities to live, work and play. The community should have a component of affordable, senior and market-rate housing, housing for families, affordable small business opportunities and an education program with opportunities to gain meaningful employment that can be used to sustain the "Living Green Community". It is also my hope that the current efforts to clean the Anacostia River will not be lost, but instead incorporated into the redevelopment of the site along with educational programs that can be used to gain employment. The development plan should also reflect a clear and conscious effort has been made to continue support and funding for a clean Anacostia River. Poplar Point should be a showcase community and be recognized as a "Living Green Community" where man meets nature harmoniously.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I have supported the removal of on-street parking in the past to accommodate the bike station located at the corner of Pleasant St. and Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. ANC 8A06 is a residential neighborhood with very narrow streets that may not be able to accommodate dedicated bike and bus lanes. Unlike other parts of the city we don't have the real estate to remove on-street parking or a driving lane, therefore we must be creative with our solutions. Instead of permanently removing on-street parking we should be looking at ways to address the traffic and how it flows in the neighborhood. I would improve bus transit and the flow of traffic in the neighborhood by addressing rush hour and commuter traffic. I would remove the on-street parking on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE starting from the intersection of Good Hope Rd SE to Howard Rd SE and the on-street parking on Good Hope Rd SE from the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE to Minnesota Avenue SE. This would take place ONLY during rush hour. I would also introduce Reversible Traffic Lanes, to reduce congestion during morning and evening commutes. The 11th St Bridge currently has existing traffic lights that were installed during the 11th St Bridge Project but are not in use. Rock Creek Parkway, Connecticut Ave NW and Pennsylvania Ave SE are examples of how reversible traffic lanes can work to prevent traffic backups in the District of Columbia. I am also in support of Move DC and plans that support traffic calming and traffic enforcement to help provide

pedestrian and bike safety. I am also concerned about the residents and visitors that use the bus. My community has a high volume of residents who ride the bus. The current bus stops in ANC 8A06 don't have seating or covering for our residents during inclement weather. We must be creative and work with the topography to accommodate residents with sitting and cover as they wait for public transportation.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

The streets are narrow in the community and we may not have the real estate to accommodate a full biking lane on most streets but that doesn't mean we don't think creatively. At a minimum, we should be creating safe crosswalks for bikers and pedestrians along Martin Luther King Jr Ave. SE, Howard Rd. SE and Good Hope Rd. SE, the busiest streets in ANC 8A06. I personally provided feedback and participated in the high crash study performed by DDOT. I offered the idea of raised crosswalks, a change in design or pattern at the intersection to draw attention to the intersection and bollard type barriers along the sidewalk to create a barrier between pedestrians and the traffic. All crosswalks in areas of high volume vehicular traffic should be addressed. Some sites require a blinking crosswalk, and some sites at a minimum will require bright reflective markings and proper signage addressing pedestrian and bicycle crossing. There should also be signs posted with the speed limit as you exit the 11th St bridge. All residents and visitors should feel safe as they walk and bike to and from their homes to connect with the existing biking lanes and trails across the city. Currently, work is being performed on residential streets in ANC 8A06. We have received sidewalk repair and replacement but we need more. The work should continue throughout the community until all streets have been accessed and updated with the proper materials and curb ramps. There should also be a strong sense of urgency to address the concerns I have raised with the District Government about the poor conditions of the sidewalks along the Martin Luther King Jr Avenue SE and Good Hope Rd SE business corridor. And lastly, I would like to ensure the proper sidewalks are installed in the entire Historic District as described by the Historic Guidelines, Rules, and Regulations of the District of Columbia and the Anacostia Historic Guidelines

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

Currently, ANC 8A06 is playing a major role in affordable housing. We currently have three 100% affordable income capped housing projects slated to be constructed within three blocks of each other and several vacant lots that will be used to create affordable single-family homes. Our goal is to continue to support and create affordable housing, but it is time to diversify our portfolio by creating market-rate housing to balance out the income capped affordable housing projects in the area.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Maple View Flats, the affordable housing project that overshadows the historic district, changed the viewshed of Historic Anacostia and removed historic property that hasn't been rehabilitated as ordered by the Mayors Agent. The current state of two historic houses moved from their original site known as the "Big K Site" should have been renovated last year and occupied with families, but instead, they sit blighted on W and V St SE in Historic Anacostia. It's ironic that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) speaks out about blight and vacant property on their website and how studies have shown that blight creates crime, unhealthy and unsafe conditions in a community. Exactly what they speak about is what they have created for years. The community has witnessed an increase in crime on W St and received notices from the Department of Health that the West Nile Virus has been detected in the area since the blighted houses have been located to that site. I and several residents can attest that the crime they see today was not there before the blighted houses were moved to that area. I have worked for the past two years to address this issue but received replies from the Director of DHCD, Polly Donaldson that went nowhere and it felt intentional. However, I am hopeful, there is I hope good news. I recently met with the new Chief of Staff at DHCD Ms. Owens and Mr. Forest Hayes from the Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM) to address this problem and it seems that the project will be moving in a positive direction, keep your eyes open we shall see. Maple View Flats, on the other hand, continues to be constructed with materials that are not used and will never be used on another large structure in Historic Anacostia. The materials cheapen the project and showcase incompatible and lack of vision to enhance and create harmony in an existing community. The materials are not compatible or acceptable for a building of that size in the historic district and the vents protruding from all sides of the building were never approved by Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) or the community, we are waiting to see how they will be covered and do not protrude out the front, sides or back of the building. The materials used do not reflect the type of commercial or residential building we would have on any large structure in Anacostia's Historic District. Also, as a community, we should not have to backpedal to address the Mayors Agents Orders to provide Class A retail and not a Daycare Center, by the way, there are at least two Daycare centers within a block of Maple View Flats. At the end of the day, the building is too large, retail commitments haven't been met and the houses haven't been rehabbed according to schedule provided to the community last year. Doesn't feel much like Special Merit, it feels more like we've been Dooped again. I will continue to fight for the community to ensure Maple View Flats looks and feels like a Special Merit building.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I am willing to invest the time, I know the projects, care about the people and know what happens today will affect the community in the future. My vision is aligned with the vision of the community. I want to create a quality way of life for existing families that are safe for everyone. I want to work with developers who are interested in developing quality homes and

apartments for singles and families of all income levels. I am committed to working to create job opportunities and a working environment for living wage through strong community benefits agreements that will ensure there is a place for existing residents and small businesses. And finally, I don't work for the government, I am unbiased ready to continue my work for the people.

**Sometimes community members advocate for a position that is in their narrow interest, but is counter to broader city-wide interests and is highly problematic position if all communities across DC were to act that way. How will you lead in such a situation? Give a local example if possible.**

Housing. Sometimes communities don't understand that advocating for one type of housing in a community does not provide the diversity that is necessary. Every neighborhood should be safe, support education, and promote a healthy lifestyle. If communities across the city begin to accept their portion of affordable housing and the city government stands by their commitment to creating One City, we would not have once owned district property creating a project in the District of Columbia that will bring a luxury hotel, luxury condos, rehabilitate a playground and create a dog park at once city-owned site at 5th and I St NW. One City does not mean placing affordable housing with no community benefits in a parking lot in the rear of a Social Services building located at 2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue SE. Nor does One City mean excluding Ward 8 residents from the process or the opportunity to provide input on a project that will affect their community for years. What many residents don't know is that the project was never introduced to ANC 8A06, the project was only discussed with the residents of Ward 6. The project was introduced to ANC 8A06 by a Ward 8 resident attending a meeting in Ward 6. I found out about the project and attended the hearing with residents to testify on behalf of the community, we expressed our concerns about the project and the process. The affordable housing project would be more beneficiary in a part of the city that has little to no affordable housing and the resources to support the residents.

*Name: Tyon Jones*

*ANC and Single Member District: 8A06*

**What do believe is the right balance between the development of affordable housing and market rate housing in your community? How does this view intersect with the 11th Bridge Park Equitable Development Plan?**

Our community needs more affordable housing while at the same time continuing to fight to disperse affordable housing throughout the District. When affordable housing is built in our community, we must ensure that those development project revitalize our community by replacing blighted properties with nicely designed, structurally sound housing. When mark rate housing projects are built in our community we must ensure that those projects have strong community benefit agreements and inclusive home buyers' club to so that our community members are ready and first in line and ready when those housing projects goes on the market. My view intersects with the 11th Street Bridge Equitable Development because as the bridge park is developed, the 11th Street Bridge Equitable Development plan will ensure that there are strong programs involved to ensure residents who have been here the longest can benefit from the development.

**How does Anacostia balance preserving its historic buildings with adding more housing and increased commercial development? In your mind, what is that balance and how will you support that balance as a commissioner?**

The most sustainable way to preserve our historic buildings is to minimize building "new" buildings. As development occurs in our communities, we must ensure to the extent that we can, that developers work to preserve our historic buildings and be creative about redeveloping historic buildings and housing that speaks to Anacostia core and character. As a commissioner, I will work with the Historic Anacostia Block Association to ensure that we are first expanding our Historic borders and also ensure compliance by developers on their projects.

**What is your opinion of the controversy surrounding the storage facility in Fairlawn? What are your hopes and/or concerns for the site?**

Anytime a company, especially a company located outside of DC, comes to our neighborhood and against the community members wish move forward to build something that will diminish the character of a community, elected officials and the community should spearhead efforts to stop it. As an ANC Commissioner, I will take that same stance each and every time



**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

Although Opportunity Zones could inject development into our communities and provide amenities that we all want and need, we know that too much development too fast can lead to rapid displacement and ultimately hurt residents who have been here the longest and deserve to benefit and enjoy the injected opportunities. As ANC Commissioner, I will ensure any developer is first aware of development unintended consequences and have community benefit agreement that help balance those consequences.

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the Poplar Point redevelopment plans?**

My hopes are that we will have a really nice development project that encompasses the community wishes, sticks to the character of the community and includes a strong community benefit agreement that the community is aware of and will be able to take advantage of after the project is completed.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

Anytime parking is removed, it is important that any affected stakeholders, especially residents are engaged. Often times parking in our community is occupied by private contractors who are renovating buildings or working on development projects. As ANC, I would ensure the District Department of Transportation engaged the community regarding the request to remove parking and also provide information on the benefits of improved bus transit or bike infrastructure.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

Any installation of infrastructure that makes our community safer, I am happy to engage resident about their priority locations. The intersection at Martin Luther King Jr Ave and Good Hope Road SE will be a Vision Zero top priority for me as ANC. The intersection is heavily used and there are needed improvements to ensure pedestrian and motorist can safely utilize the intersection.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

ANC plays an important role in addressing affordability challenges. One of those ways is creating strong Community Benefits Agreements. The ANC has the ability to ensure local

residents are getting job training, are hired on job and programs that build local businesses. When residents have good paying job, strong education, and small business development, the conversation around affordability is minimized.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Our community is inundated by commuter drivers on a daily basis. Commuters start early in the morning traversing through our neighborhoods, speeding, disobeying traffic signs and parking for extended amount of times in our zoned streets with little parking enforcement. As ANC, I will work push MPD and DPW parking enforcement to double their efforts in our communities.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

As a former Constituent Services Director and a current Community Engagement Specialist within District Government, I have the energy, knowledge, and motivation to ensure that our community has stellar representation that works every day to ensure we all are safe, have government investments, community investment and community engagement.

**Sometimes community members advocate for a position that is in their narrow interest, but is counter to broader city-wide interests and is highly problematic position if all communities across DC were to act that way. How will you lead in such a situation? Give a local example if possible.**

Often times, narrow interest that are counter to broader city-wide interests is because of miseducation or misunderstanding. When these situations arise, as an ANC, I will ensure that the community has the most up to date information and will bring out any government agency to answer their questions and resolve their concerns.

Name: *Joshua Clark*

ANC and Single Member District: *8B01*

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the redevelopment at Skyland Town Center?**

My hopes for the Skyland Town Center is that there is an equal amount of affordable housing that will accommodate the residents who already live in the immediate area. This would help the flow of traffic (reduce the amount of traffic, by catering to the residents who already live there), as well as not displace residents, who're rent will be affected by the growing CPI index, that is currently raising the price of living as the District expands in housing developments.

**How do you plan on supporting the ability of existing residents to stay in our community as home and rental prices rise?**

This question will be better answered as I get to know, what the residents feel about the rising prices and new developments. The first goal is to keep the community well informed on new developments that will affect traffic flow, and housing and rental cost. A prime example of this is the DC Comprehensive Plan that is going to be amended if residents do not voice their concerns as to why it is being amended. This plan has potential to change the entire make up on Washington, DC in regards to development. We can advocate as a community, why we don't need more housing developments, but to enhance the developments that already exist. We need more enforcement from DCRA to make landlords comply and better our living situations in Single Member District 8B01.

**Where are there ways to increase opportunities for additional training, jobs and education for our community? How will you support these in your role as ANC?**

There are various ways to increase opportunities for additional training. However, it would be up to government officials to help house these promises, but not letting developers develop unless there is an interest in hiring and training locally. Moving forward it would be my duty to keep the community updated with monthly meetings as well as door to door outreach.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

This tax bill creates a competition that individuals east of the river will not be aware until it's too late. These type of incentives should have more incentives that would make investors appeal to the current area instead of its future potential. It is obvious that east of the river could soon be unaffordable if the CPI index continues to rise with no cap or regards to the residents who currently live there. This is an invisible danger that needs a leash. It seems like we rather start new than to repair what is already in front of us.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

This would be difficult, however, it could be done gradually if the public is informed at least a year in advance on a monthly basis. On that monthly basis, the resident would be informed about alternative parking and reasonable accommodations. I believe that just like parking during rush hour, bus transit and bike infrastructure could utilize the same lanes until a more sustainable resolution is created. As the District expands in residency, parking is quite a commodity and will take longer to accommodate, as we add transportation like bike infrastructure, and scooters which have been recently seen as a priority.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

I would like to see bicycles lanes that connect to various trails that are located throughout Washington, DC area. A specific example is a trail located on Good Hope Road SE that leads to Historic Anacostia and Fredrick Douglas Memorial Bridge. Moreover, I would like to see that sidewalks that are tripping hazards be repaired in Single Member District 8B01. Lastly, the top Vision Zero priorities for the community would be to reevaluate the current needs of the community with a number of community engagement meetings that cater to the request made by the residents in Single Member District 8B01.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

The role that the ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges would take a great deal of communication with the community and upcoming developments. This ANC role is vital in advocating for fair share of housing. Moreover to advocate for residents who have landlords that provide the bare minimum for apartment complexes. The city is growing, but the essence and soul of the district is being erased due to the rising cost of living and neglect east of the river.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

The biggest controversies not listed here are violence, homelessness, and mental health. Often violence is only responded to in extreme instances such as, shootings, theft, and murder. However, there are ways to prevent extremes when it comes to violence, mental health, and homelessness. If elected, I would like to make resources available for these controversies before they escalate. There is racial tension that grows because we have yet to correct the past.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I am the best person to represent Single Member District 8B01 because I was born and raised here in Washington DC. Moreover, I understand the delicate nature of my Single Member District and would like to preserve it. I have witnessed the controversies mention previously both personally and vicariously. My vision is to get assistance for all those who suffer from homelessness and drug addiction. I would also like to see that Ward 8 get their own MPD Station, which could lend greater support to our community. The most important part of this vision is getting residents to understand it will take time and the entire community to progress.

**Sometimes community members advocate for a position that is in their narrow interest, but is counter to broader city-wide interests and is highly problematic position if all communities across DC were to act that way. How will you lead in such a situation? Give a local example if possible.**

I will lead the community by being transparent with all the information I receive in regards to developments. This will take time to relay a message that is understood by all of the community. Moreover, I would have to inform the community about why certain developments are taking place and how they align with citywide interest.

Name: **Gerald Anekwe**

ANC and Single Member District: **8B03**

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the redevelopment at Skyland Town Center?**

My view is that it is about time the southeast gets a project of this magnitude and standards that will begin to it on par with the rest of the wards in the district, My concerns are that the project is not moving fast enough.

**How do you plan on supporting the ability of existing residents to stay in our community as home and rental prices rise?**

By supporting the DC Tenant's Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA), which requires landlords to provide early notification to tenants of their intention to sell their properties and gives tenants the first right of purchase. Also, to maintain and properly manage the section 8 program within the district.

**Where are there ways to increase opportunities for additional training, jobs and education for our community? How will you support these in your role as ANC?**

Most definitely. I will advocate that all district government contract should allocate and/or expand training funds in all its affairs of business.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

It would be nice to have private sector investment in my SMD where it is most needed, Hope Village. it is a blighted complex boarded by Ainger Pl., Bruce Pl. part of Alabama Ave., Hartford St., Langston Pl. and Reynolds Pl. The investment will bring large scale construction work opportunity for the teeming young people in my district.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

My neighborhood as at present is well connected by the transit system as no one has to walk more than two blocks to access the system. The neighborhood does not lend itself to a bike lane installation as over 80% of the residents have to curbside park their vehicles.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

The top priority for community is accessibility issues. Meaning sidewalk curb and gutter, wheelchair ramps and driveway repairs. And provision of sidewalks where there is none.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

I will expect my ANC to advocate multiple dwelling construction as presently is the case in most of Ward 6. I will expect my neighborhood which is mostly single family units to be converted into multiple unit complexes in the future.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

None that I can think of.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I can not say I am the best person in my SMD, but of the candidates in the race, yes, I am the best person. And why you ask, I have the skill set necessary. AS a community organizer and advocate, experience and personal relationships with DC government personnel and above all I am a problem solver. May not be possible in 2 years, but to bring businesses to MLK Blvd and Good Hope Rd. through revitalization as was done along M St. SE

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[did not respond]

Name: **Humam Abdulmalik**

ANC and Single Member District: **8B06**

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the redevelopment at Skyland Town Center?**

I hope that the Skyland Town Center will offer fine dining opportunity for our residents. That it will include a grocery store that will provide organic food shopping experience. A resource center is needed for the seniors, youth and young adults to educate them about the many opportunities available to them.

**How do you plan on supporting the ability of existing residents to stay in our community as home and rental prices rise?**

I will support the community by sharing relevant information with them to support them with finding ways to maintain their living situation even if it means promoting a theme of communal living, family members coming together under one roof. The gentrification that is happening in our community is real and there should be something in place beside a few units set aside to ensure that a person can maintain living space on the current minimal income. I am open to working with the right people to speak on the behalf of the citizens in 8B06.

**Where are there ways to increase opportunities for additional training, jobs and education for our community? How will you support these in your role as ANC?**

There are many opportunities in Ward 8 for residents to receive additional training and education for jobs and to create a path for a career as well. It is important that I make all of this information available to the residents of 8B06. We have many organizations and non-profits providing the opportunity for residents to make these advancements in their life. This is why my platform is on building the atmosphere of Community members supporting each other and sharing what they know for the betterment of all. Once again the resource center mention in question number 1 will be of benefit to the seniors, youth and young adults to educate them about the many opportunities available to them.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

In all honesty, I am not familiar with the Opportunity Zones data, however, I will do my due diligence to become knowledgeable about this in order to know the greatest opportunities and greatest risks for my SMD.



**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I would hold a meeting with the residents to determine what they would like to see happen. Our former ANC representative initial spoke on this in our community in reference to making 22nd and 25th streets one-way streets in the direction of the Bus route for each street. In during this, we could add a bike lane on each street.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

I would need to take a closer look at the points in this question in order to make a better statement in reference to this question. However, at this time, for my, SMD the Vision Zero initiative priorities will be addressed as I continue my campaign for the ANC position.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

I would work to make sure that the living wage salaries match the market value cost of renting and buying affordable housing in Washington DC.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

One of the biggest controversies in our neighborhood is not having a place for youth and adults not working to conjugate in a safe environment and not on the neighbor corners. My position is we need a center where our residents can meet indoors to support, each others endeavors.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I am the best person because I am not a politician I am a community activist and I have a good relationship and open communication with the youth and elders of my SMD. My vision for myself and other citizens of SMD 8B06 is to assist with creating an atmosphere, of comfortability where people can live in the environment of a 'We Are Neighbors' attitude. We promote the fellowship of kindness and an attitude of I Care about You and your safety, peace of mind, and the beautification of our community with a cooperative attitude between each other in 'Our Community' affairs.

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I am a community activist and I only want the best for my community so that each individual can live a prospers, safe and happy life. 'We are not our Own Enemy...We must Heal and Deal with Self-Love'

Name: *Chyla Evans*

ANC and Single Member District: *8C02*

**What is your opinion on the controversy surrounding the Congress Heights Metro area redevelopment? What is your vision for the area, and how do you plan on supporting existing residents there?**

I think that gentrification in Congress Heights is inevitable, the St. E development is lead new retail and housing outside of the gates into the Congress Heights area, although it may be slower, due to neglected condition of the area. It is the responsibility of the ANC and other community organizations to listen to and respond to developers that want to come into the area. An effort should be made to assist the existing businesses thru main street grants and other city incentives. Once the existing businesses have assistance to attract new patrons, they will hopefully try to clean up their storefronts and minimize the amount of loitering.

**What is your opinion of the Barry Farm redevelopment plans? What is your vision for the site and how do you plan on addressing the situation as a commissioner?**

I live very close to Barry Farm and often times take Sumner as a short cut to MLK, it is amazing to see how quickly the long awaited demolition of Barry Farm is happening! I agree with the ruling that temporarily halted the redevelopment due to lack of sufficient affordable units. There are many other examples of successful mixed income communities in DC so I believe the developers can find the right ratio, with support from the city. I think the community center and Excel school are a start to what can become a great town center with residential, commercial and retail coexisting together.

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the Poplar Point redevelopment plans?**

Poplar Point is another exciting development that is an extension of the bustling development going on across the river in the Navy Yards. I think it will be a terrific use of formerly abandoned property. My only concern is the increase in traffic as the area becomes more congested. Statistics show that more people are bike/walking to work so hopefully the increased density will not have a significant impact on traffic.

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the redevelopment plans around St. Elizabeths?**

I believe that once the Wizards training facility and surrounding development is finished, the transition of the surrounding area will happen, just like the Capital One Ctr impact on China town and National Stadium impact on the Navy Yards. The fact that East of the River has the last affordable housing options means that a more diverse population is moving into the area. The affordability factor has already had an impact on the surrounding new developments and the demographics are changing. My concern is that the prices will rise so quickly, many long

time residents will not be able to afford housing and will opt to sell homes they have owned for generations to move out of the District.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I would approach it the same way that many of the other wards have incorporated bike lanes, if it means sacrificing some parking, it is worth it. That is the way many areas are going, parking will become less desirable because people Uber, bike and metro more often. Just across the river, in the Yards, bike lanes are a necessity for all the new development so most of the major streets, like M St and South Capital have them.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

MLK Blvd and Sumner Ave will need bike lanes, expanded. I am the victim of a serious bike accident so I know how serious they can be. Safety for bikers and bus riders should be a priority. I will work to promote Vision Zero thru effective use of data, education, enforcement, and engineering.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

We need to send a message to the City Council that Ward 8 residents are concerned with what 'affordable' means. 60 to 80% of the median income in DC is more than many Ward 8 residents can afford. Affordability should be based on 30% of a tenants income. Plus the fact that vouchers given to Barry Farm and other housing complexes that are going thru redevelopment are not accepted by other apartment owners.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Since I live near Barry Farm, I hear most about the remaining tenants and their fight for more affordable units in the redevelopment. My main concern is the amount of drug dealing and trash accumulation occurring in the Park Chester Apts. I pay someone to pick up trash everyday but the next day it is down again. The question has been posed: can neighborhood character and affordability co-exist? I believe it can if people are given incentive to work together.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

8C02 is part of the rapidly changing neighborhood due to the St.E redevelopment. This is a train coming that cannot be stopped. The fact that several developers are working on projects in this area means that the ANC has to be prepared to listen and respond to the presentations that come before the ANC commission. I have experience and expertise in real estate investing, redevelopment and finance. I believe that I will be able to competently vet the developers that want to make a quick buck versus the ones that want to make a difference in the community and consider the potential threat to current residents for displacement .

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Today, I listened to a report by one of the few remaining tenants in Barry Farm give their list of demands. One of their demands is to have 100% affordable units in the new development. I do not agree with this, I believe that it will be best to have a mixed use community to work and live together.

Name: **Tee Smith**

ANC and Single Member District: **8C03**

**What is your opinion on the controversy surrounding the Congress Heights Metro area redevelopment? What is your vision for the area, and how do you plan on supporting existing residents there?**

Should not be happening the owner of that property near the Metro needs to rebuild it for the people who live there

**What is your opinion of the Barry Farm redevelopment plans? What is your vision for the site and how do you plan on addressing the situation as a commissioner?**

Should not be happening. Those are families there i wouls change those plans to favor the residents Who currently live on that property.

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the Poplar Point redevelopment plans?**

Willing to get the input of residents that are affected by this Redevelopment

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the redevelopment plans around St. Elizabeths?**

Jobs for residents business ownership opportunity

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I would not want to remove street parking at all

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

[did not respond]

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

I think that means he plays a big bro and pointing out the challenges of affordability in our communities and we get to vote on a lot of different things that affect the affordability in our communities

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

the biggest controversy is the Barry Farm Redevelopment my position on it is that this is historic land and families live there it's the only property with large bedroom sizes for families and we should preserve it

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

I am the best because I am active in my community daily and it's time for new leadership

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I will lead by example

Name: **David Jones**

ANC and Single Member District: **8C04**

**What is your opinion on the controversy surrounding the Congress Heights Metro area redevelopment? What is your vision for the area, and how do you plan on supporting existing residents there?**

I want to fully support the existing residents in and around the Congress Heights Metro area and make sure they are fully aware of the changes for the proposed Congress Heights Metro project. The existing residents are our first priority but I believe the project could provide value to our community because it would be the first transit-oriented development located east of the Anacostia River. This is an opportunity for us to create a vibrant, walkable, safe new community that is transit-oriented in our neighborhood. This is a chance to bring more opportunities for retail and employment. My hope is when those opportunities come, the existing residents and residents of Ward 8 are the first to have the opportunity for employment.

**What is your opinion of the Barry Farm redevelopment plans? What is your vision for the site and how do you plan on addressing the situation as a commissioner?**

I want to fully support the existing residents of Barry Farm. We want to ensure the residents are heard. If redevelopment continues in that area, the existing residents would need to be involved in planning every step of the way. We need to ensure our community grows to provide more opportunities to our residents, without disruption. The redevelopment at Barry Farm would need to include small and large units for families of all sizes. I look forward to continuing to hear from the current residents of Barry Farm on the redevelopment plans and how it would affect them. Furthermore, I look forward to hearing from the District on how they will incorporate and not displace current residents in the new plan. Not one family or individual should be displaced so the District needs to ensure they are transparent with all residents on all of their options.

**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the Poplar Point redevelopment plans?**

Poplar Point is a large urban waterfront in which some lays in ANC8C while the rest lays in the neighboring commission area. The land still needs to be transferred from the federal government to the District government after the site undergoes an environmental impact analysis and goes through the small area planning process. Once the land is transferred, I would need to hear from the residents on what they would like to see done to the site, then I would need to ensure the District knows exactly what the residents around the community want. There is room for us to provide more low to moderate income housing at the site, along with more job opportunities for residents. Any new potential job opportunities at the site would need to go to Ward 8 residents first.



**What are your hopes and/or concerns for the redevelopment plans around St. Elizabeths?**

The redevelopment plans for the St. Elizabeths site is moving forward so we need to ensure our community knows exactly what we are getting. I am excited, as many of my neighbors are, about the new hospital to be built at the site. The new businesses that will come to the site will need to prioritize hiring Ward 8 residents. My hope is that job fairs continue in our community so that Ward 8 residents are given opportunities. Another hope I have is that community stakeholders continue to contribute by having a seat at the table to help advocate and make sure that jobs, education and training, and future opportunities continue for the residents of Ward 8.

**If there were a way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood, but it required removing on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

Recently, Capital Bikeshares have been added to South Capitol Street, Livingston Road, and Mississippi Avenue. It is great to see bikeshare bicycles finally being added to our community. Moving forward, I would not be in favor of any plan that would involve removing residential parking.

**Where would you like to see new bicycle lanes, sidewalks, or other infrastructure to make it safer for residents, families, and seniors to walk and bike? What are the top Vision Zero priorities for your community?**

My top priority is to ensure bicycle lanes are clearly marked, sidewalks are well maintained, and street signs are clear so that we reduce traffic related injuries and deaths in accordance with the Vision Zero plan. Most importantly, speed limits need to be better enforced so that our students can get to and from school safely in the mornings and afternoons. There have already been too many students hit by cars this school year so we need to ensure we and the District are doing everything possible for our students.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

I believe affordable housing should be available across all eight Wards in the District of Columbia. The role my ANC could play would be to prioritize new low to moderate income housing without displacing any current residents. Additionally, the ANC should work with the Department of Housing and Community Development to turn vacant and dilapidated properties into affordable housing for individuals and families. We need to do more to ensure every resident has an affordable place to live.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

The biggest controversy in our neighborhood that is not listed on this questionnaire is violence. As the Commissioner for Police Service Area 708 we live in one of the most violent areas in our city. We need to continue to work with MPD to make sure our children, families, and seniors feel safe inside and outside of their homes. We must also hold MPD accountable when our residents do not feel safe or are not getting the answers we deserve. I look forward to continuing the conversation with my neighbors around violence to see what we can do better to address their concerns. A way to reduce violence is to also help our returning citizens integrate back into society. I would work with these residents to ensure they know of the opportunities available to them through the different District agencies. Additionally, my hope is for ANC8C to work with the violent interrupters across the Ward to make sure we are doing everything possible to keep residents safe. Focusing on violence prevention is key in order to making our residents feel safe so they can fully maximize their potential in their daily lives.

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

As the current commissioner for SMD8C04, I know I am the best person to continue to represent this single member district. I will continue to be a voice of the residents of my single member district. As the current commissioner, I went to work immediately when I was first elected. The same issues were coming up over and over, and that is why I ran. I know how the government works and I have built relationships within District government so that I can get things done for my neighbors and community. I will continue to advocate for the residents as I did in my first term, like when I advocated to the Public Service Commission so our rates would not be increased, and to the Water and Sewer Authority to replace filters to make sure our water was safe. My vision for our ANC in 2 years is to assist in the reduction of violence, provide residents with more opportunities, and to keep our residents in 8C informed. I want to make 8C04 the best place to live, work, and prosper.

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I serve as the voice of the residents of my single member district. I believe that if my neighbors come together to advocate for a particular interest, I will support and advocate for that interest as well. If their interests are counter to broader, city-wide interests I would bring residents, community stakeholders and District officials to the table to allow for all voices to be heard and see where we can come together for the best interest of the community and people who live there. Compromise is something I believe in. I will do whatever I can to fully represent all residents in my single member district.

Name: **La Verne Glenn**

ANC and Single Member District: **8D06**

**How will you use your position as an ANC to address litter control and help keep our community clean?**

I communicate with DCRA. DPW and MPD with various concerns such as landlord violations, street cleaning, parking violations and various nuisance concerns.

**The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**

The greatest risk i see is affordable housing and the increase of cost of living expenses where it may soon to be unaffordable to live in. The greatest opportunity I see is greater employment opportunities and increase in entrepreneurship.

**What role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

Ward 8 can use rebuilding of public housing and reduce the cost of home ownership by hiring developers and investors located in the DMV area.

**What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

[did not respond]

**Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**

My vision as an ANC is to continue to work with MPD regarding the nuisance complaints in the high crime areas in my SMD since there is no law against loitering. Also hold landlords accountable for their violations by reporting and following up with DCRA and other responsible government agencies for unsafe conditions, water damage, mold, trash, and other related concerns.

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I am also an advocate for homelessness. The Virginia Williams program is a concern to me because the case workers are not following up on housing needs or working with families. For an example it should be a requirement of the program to either complete their education, sign up for one of the many free training programs so they are able to obtain employment. To place families landlords prefer income other than TANF to assist with the cost of housing and other living expenses that may occur.