

Fight for Home Rule

I will oppose every effort to infringe on DC's autonomy. I believe the Ward 1 Councilmember needs to lead the residents of the Ward in outreach to our many many contacts across the country - family, friends, professional contacts, fraternities, alumni groups and others - in urging voting in the mid-terms. I believe we can win the mid-terms. That is imperative for DC Home Rule. It is imperative for the jump starting of garnering true Home Rule and Statehood. That can be the real beginning of the end for the current administrationwe can gain statehood. The Ward 1 Councilmember needs to be the #1 person for the Ward in calling for the activism that is needed.

Stop Enabling Federal Overreach.

There should be no cooperation with federal authorities ... I believe they have broken the law with many of their tactics ...masked, unidentified, use of force possibly without proper warrantsas Councilmember I will work closely with the AG to identify any and all avenues of legal recourse to prohibit and or block federal overreach.

.Invest in a Just Legal System

I support limiting pre-trial detention at a very minimum. We need more resource for civil legal help. I believe the Ward Councilmember should work with all concerned parties to tap into national funding sources and legal aid resources to combat the likely illegal actions being taken by the federal government here that puts not just people's rights and civil liberties at risk but their very safety. We need to ally with all available national groups and communities similarly threatened to find common ground and forge mutual support at this so critical and dangerous of times.

Safe and Warm Homes

I fully support ending homelessness. i started my career in DC volunteering with CCNV and Mitch Snyder / Rev. John Steinbruck and Luther Place memorial Church in aiding the homeless. I was the first man to be named a women's shelter director at Sarah House at luther Place, and became the first Executive Director / Founder of Calvary Shelter for Homeless Women in 1983. It has now served thousands of homeless women....the goal restoring them to successful independent living. I have overseen numerous homeless outreach services in my 40 year career with the Downtown Cluster of Congregations - helping to found food programs, housing programs and social service programs. My agency has focused on serving the most vulnerable of the homeless - particularly women, the elderly and the mentally ill many of whom have been victims of sexual assault, theft, and hate crimes.

Abundant and Nutritious Food

I support increasing nutrition assistance programs.health and education along with safety are the most critical issues for DC residents. Healthy lifestyles is critical for successful lives I believe. I have been a State Sports Commissioner leading the expansion of athletic programs for youth - adding lacrosse and ultimate frisbee to the youth sports offered at DC Public Schools for example. From birth to death hunger must be fought with healthy optionsthere is no excuse / reason we cannot make healthy nutrition available to all our residents.

Power to the People

I support providing economic relief to DC's LGBTQ and residents and businesses by investing in energy and water infrastructure. I want Ward 1 and the City to lead in green efforts and projects. I abhor delayed maintenance / modernizationswater and energy resources should already have been addresses with state of the art efforts. I pushed for changing streetlights from outdated wire system to smart computer systemso it is know immediately when street lights are out and can be fixed within 24 hours. i pushed for the modernizations of the long neglected libraries and schools having served on Mayor Williams' Library Task Force and then with mayor Fenty to modernize school buildings ...these structures had been allowed to decay for decades til the modernizations effort begun in the early 2000'smy 2 daughters attended DC Public Schools in the late 1990's

so I know first had the decrepit condition of the buildings. We need to do the same for energy / water infrastructure ...it actually saves money for certain and provides safer / healthier conditions for all. The city as the Capital City should be role model in maintenance

Health Care is Human Right

Yes, I will use every tool to ensure transgender youth and adults have access to health care. Many in my circle are in this situation. As I stated health care along with education and safety are the most critical issues for DC residents - people cannot live their lives well if they are not healthy as a very starting point.

Health Care is a Smart Investment

I oppose any cuts to the Health Care Alliance and Medicaid Health insurance programs to balance the DC Budget. Cuts to these cost us money, they do not save us money. They create pain and misery for our residents. when cut. Healthy residents are generators to the vitality and success of the city as well as allowing them to lead the lives they want. As I have stated health, education and safety are the critical issues facing the city.

Access to Public Benefits

I commit to creating the most accessible system for program beneficiaries to minimize LGBTQ+ people not being able to access benefits due to bureaucracy. I have seen many many times over the years bureaucratic discrimination to persons who rightfully deserve benefits ...due to their being homeless, their sexual orientation, their color, their age and other reasons. We need to work with legal entities and the AG to challenge any roadblocks placed in the path of rightfully due benefits.

Fight Crime at the Source

I support decriminalizing sex work and making better investments in violence prevention efforts. We do not need more police - we need effective policing. We need effective agency efforts. One of the critical issues in Ward 1 is closing the 6 or more active / entrenched drug trafficking locationsthese are the sites where time and again we are losing lives. These losses can be prevented - boot and tow out of state drug dealer cars that are parked illegally and owe tens of thousands of finesmake sure street lights are working at these locations; make sure police are actually waling the beats and getting to know residents rather than showing up after crimes to communities that do not know them, etc. We can and will make Ward 1 safe for all to go about their lives.

Thank you for this opportunity.