

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY

Board of Commissioners Resident Election



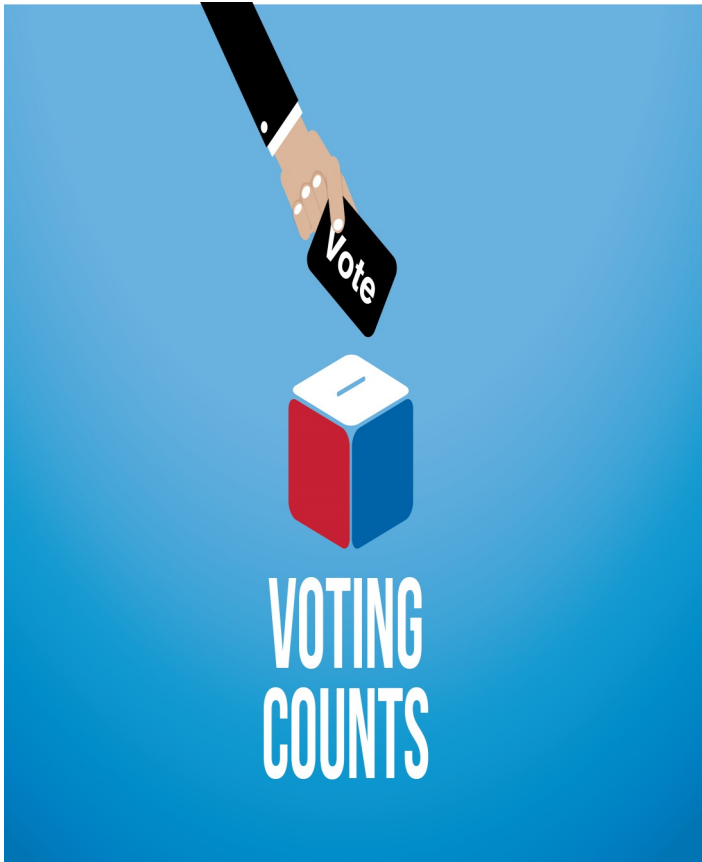
Election Information and Candidate Statements

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**** NEW ELECTION DATES ****

DCHA 2015 Resident Commissioners Election



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Resident Commissioners election has been **postponed until Thursday, July 16th and Friday, July 17th** to ensure that each resident has received candidate information in the mail.

Polling locations remain the same and are listed on the back of this flyer.

All Candidate and Election Information Also Available Online at www.dchousing.org/election

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Requesting a Reasonable Accommodation

The District of Columbia Housing Authority provides reasonable accommodations to all applicants, residents or participants with disabilities. The ITPM will arrange for special accommodations to ensure that those with disabilities are able to vote on Election Day. Sign language interpreters will be provided upon request. Callers with a hearing impairment can call the DC Relay Service by dialing 711.

Requests for a special accommodation must be made by 5:00 p.m. on Monday July 13, 2015, either through:

fax or phone: [\(301\) 637-3635](tel:(301)637-3635);

email: DCHAElections@gmail.com; or

ground mail: Requests for special accommodations must be **received** by the ITPM no later than July 13, 2015 to: Resident Participation Services PLLC, 1825 "K" Street NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20006

2015 Voter Guide Correction: Candidate Janet Parker's name was previously misspelled as Janet Parket.



Thursday, July 16, 2015

1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Residents and Locations

Claridge Towers Senior	1221 M St., NW (Community Room)
Colorado Apartments	5336 Colorado Ave, NW (Community Room)
Columbia Road	1475 Columbia Road, NW (Community Room)
Ft. Lincoln Senior	2855 Bladensburg Rd. NE (Community Room)
Garfield Terrace Senior/Family	2301 11th St., NW (9th Floor)
Harvard Towers Senior	1845 Harvard St., NW (Community Room)
Horizon House Senior	1150 12th St. NW (Community Room)
James Apartments Senior.....	1425 N St. NW (Community Room)
Judiciary House	461 H St. NW (Community Room)
Langston Dwellings & Additions.....	667 24th St. NE (Resident Council Office)
LeDroit Senior	2125 4th St. NW (Community Room)
Kelly Miller	238 W St. NW (Community Space)
Lincoln Road	11 R St. NE (Lower Level)
Montana Terrace	1625 Montana Avenue, NE (Recreation Center)
Park Morton	615 Morton St. NW # 12
Regency House	5201 Connecticut Ave., NW (Community Room)
Scattered Sites	2301 11th St., NW (9th Floor)
Sibley Plaza	1140 North Capitol St. NW (Community Room)
Sursum Corda/Sibley Townhomes	49 K St. NW (Resident Council Office)

Friday, July 17, 2015

1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Residents and Locations

Barry Farm/Wade Apts.	1292 Eaton Road, SE (Recreation Room)
Benning Terrace/Marley Ridge.....	4450 G St., SE (Recreation Room)
Carroll Apartments Senior	410 M St. SE (Community Room)
Elvans Road	Elvans Court Community Center on Elvans Rd.
Ft. Dupont Additions & Dwellings	155 Ridge Rd, SE (Community Room)
Greenleaf/Greenleaf Gardens, Extensions & Additions	203 N St., SW (Family Enhancement Center)
Greenleaf Senior	1200 Delaware Ave., SW (Recreation Room)
Highland Additions & Dwellings.....	640 Atlantic St. SE (Community Center)
Hopkins Apartments	1000 12 th St., SE #104
James Creek	100 N St. SW (Community Room)
Kenilworth/Parkside	4500 Quarles St. NE (Basement)
Kentucky Courts Senior.....	1336 D St. SE (Resident Council Office)
Knox Hill Senior	2700 Jasper St. SE (Community Room)
Lincoln Heights	400 50th St. NE (Family Enhancement Center)
Potomac Gardens Family	700 12th St. SE (Recreation Center)
Potomac Gardens Senior	1229 G St. SE (Community Room)
Richardson Dwellings.....	5319 1/2 Dix St. NE (Osay Building)
Stoddert	155 Ridge Road, SE (Community Room)
Syphax Gardens	1501 Half St. SW #21 (Resident Council Office)
The Villager.....	3810 Southern Avenue, SE (Board Room)
Woodland Terrace	2310 Ainger Place, SE (Community Center)

IN ORDER TO VOTE

To qualify as a voter, a person must be:

- a public housing resident in the District of Columbia;
- directly assisted by a public housing agency;
- named on the lease; and
- eighteen (18) years of age or older

All residents desiring to vote must go to their designated polling site on their specified election day and receive an official ballot from the ITPM, unless a request has been made for special accommodations.

In order to receive an official Ballot, the resident will be required to provide a valid ID.

- A resident may submit only one ballot.
- Absentee ballots will not be permitted, with the exception of voters listed for special accommodations.

VOTE TABULATION

At 8 PM on July 17, 2015 the ballots from both election days will be counted by the ITPM at DCHA Headquarters (1133 North Capitol St., NE. 2nd Floor Boardroom, Washington, DC 20002). All residents are welcome to attend this session to witness the preliminary tabulation. The challenge votes will not be counted at this time. The ITPM will perform a re-count to include challenge votes and a preliminary count will be posted on-line on or before July 20, 2015. Notices of the official results will be posted in the meeting areas (community rooms, Resident Council offices or recreation centers) or at property management offices at designated public housing developments.

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KENNETH COUNCIL

AT-LARGE

1. What personal experience do you bring to the job of Resident commissioner? I have been resident of public housing for 48 years. Because of my passion and respect for my community, I have acted as an activist for our community in several capacities. To name a few, I have served in the offices of: Vice Chair of the City Wide Advisory Board, President for the Ft. Dupont Resident Council, Sergeant at Arms, Chaplin and the Board of Directors for the East River Family Strengthening Collaborative.

2. What special training, education, or awards have you received? I have received the Michael Kelly Award for Outstanding Leadership, the Resident Counsel Leadership Award, and the Community Service Award from Mayor Vincent Gray and a Leadership Award from the Trustee Board of the East River Family Strengthening Collaborative. I have also completed the DCHA Leadership training. During my tenure at the US Pentagon, I acted as the Foreign Liaison Officer for the Department of the Army.

3. What volunteer work or public service have you performed? I developed a city wide Health &

Wellness survey which was used to assess the needs and/or health disparities in our communities. One of the main components of the survey was to promote a primary care physician for housing residents. I also chaired the major health initiative for the City Wide Advisory Board and partnered with the DC Cancer Consortium on a “Quit Smoking” campaign for our residents.

4. What leadership experience do you possess? I currently hold the position of DCHA Commissioner at Large where I chair the Committee of Education and the President of the Ft. Dupont Resident Council. I formerly served as President of the DCHA City Wide Advisory Board and Trustee for the East River Family Strengthening Collaborative. While in these positions, I have been able to build effective relationships between the board and the residents by leading several of the efforts. I stand in the gap for the residents by directly communicating with city officials and DCHA leadership.

5. What is your vision for the future of the District of Columbia Housing Authority? My vision for the future of DCHA is equality for traditional public housing residents and voucher holders. I would also like to see rent control for Indian Reservation Public Housing. As a public resident for fifty plus years, I understand and have lived through some of the positive and negative changes and feel I am able to provide positive change through policy and procedure.

6. What issues are important to DCHA residents you wish to represent?

- Health & Wellness - Partnering with Service Providers to bring an improved quality of service to the residents of the community;
- Rent control - remain affordable;
- Policy - Under Reg. 964, the residents need to be empowered and trained according to the policies already in place;
- Entrepreneurship and Home Ownership.

7. What changes or improvements would you make as priorities for residents? I would like to see better customer service in maintenance, better education for the residents on the move to work policy and redevelopment and remodernization.

8. What most qualifies you for this role? My qualifications exist in the multiple offices I previously and currently hold, my being a public housing resident for fifty-plus years, my morals, integrity and good character and my ability to positively impact change.

9. Why should residents vote for you? I have been and will continue to be an advocate for the residents and a man of compassion, conviction, connection. I continue to strive for better and greater empowerment.

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ROBERT LEE III

AT-LARGE

1. What personal experience do you bring to the job of Resident commissioner?

I'm a six-generation Washingtonian with family spread all throughout Washington. I have lived in public housing for about 7 years. I am certified in hazardous material removal including lead paint and asbestos removal. I have also worked in the field of home development since I was 12 years old doing tiling and painting. I have worked as a maintenance man for a multifamily property in SE Washington and other developments.

2. What special training, education, or awards have you received?

I have my GED and I am union certified with Local 11 for sprinkler systems, painting, pipe fitting, and welding. I received an award my work in the community from Empower DC.

3. What volunteer work or public service have you performed?

I worked with the volunteer ministry Save the Seed doing community clean ups. I have helped a lot of people with finding shelter for them and their family. I have volunteered using my skills, such as by painting the church Temple of Praise.

4. What leadership experience do you possess?

I have instructed works crews in home improvement jobs. I have mentored young people in the trades. I helped people throughout the Highland community have information about what was taking place and helped found the organization Highland Together We Stand. Our concern was to protect the families of the community.

5. What is your vision for the future of the District of Columbia Housing Authority?

I want to help Housing be modernized and improved and for the housing to be beautiful for everyone. I believe Housing should be provided for the homeless and for everyone who helped build this city that is now having a hard time affording to stay.

6. What issues are important to DCHA residents you wish to represent?

The main concern is the living conditions. Using resources better. Preventing displacement from the city.

7. What changes or improvements would you make as priorities for residents?

The biggest priority is to improve the living conditions.

8. What most qualifies you for this role? My ability to organize people, articulate issues, and motivate people to come together for a positive cause. My interest and concern for the living and well-being of others.

9. Why should residents vote for you? Because I will do my best to be the voice for them.



ABENA "MS. ABBY" DISROE
AT-LARGE

1. What personal experience do you bring to the job of Resident commissioner?

I have lived at Hopkins for three (3) years. In those three years I have provided Referrals for food, clothing, educational opportunities, abuse (spousal) and computer education to approximately 17 families. I am now known as the "community communicator."

2. What special training, education, or awards have you received?

1.) I have a B.S. degree in communications Jackson State Uni. 2.) Business Dept. of George Washington University Certified Events Mg Planner. (C.E.M.P.) 3) Elected as one of America's most outstanding women. 4.) Byte Back Computer School Completion 5.) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. member.

3. What volunteer work or public service have you performed?

At Hopkins and at Lincoln Heights, I have:

- volunteered assistance with the Gardening Project
- started (after I was trained) a 4H Club
- numerous field trips - educational and fun
- started the 1st Hopkins Community Newsletter
- Started the 1st Community Youth Excellence Day

- Initiated a coat drive for youth and their families
- Project for Youth to Build Robots

4. What leadership experience do you possess?

I was once employed with Johns Hopkins University where I led workshops for 13WDS Communities in Leadership Development and Conflict Resolution. I held this position for 8 years.

5. What is your vision for the future of the District of Columbia Housing Authority?

Youth and families engaging in greater numbers in leadership development in empowering their communities. To develop the mindset that "It's not where you live, but how you learn."

6. What issues are important to DCHA residents you wish to represent?

After speaking with several Residents, these were their comments: 1) People loitering in the hallways (especially youth) 2) Smoking in non-smoking areas in the building and elevators.

3) No parking because of persons parking who do not reside there.

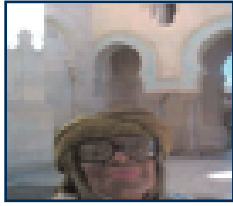
7. What changes or improvements would you make as priorities for residents?

To develop and provide a resource directory to assist and Provide Services for the Families such as clothing, medical, education, food, etc.

8. What most qualifies you for this role?

My passion and desire to help other aligned with my education, experience, and consistent dedication.

9. Why should residents vote for you? Because I am the best choice to represent the residents on any and all levels of empowerment of self and community.



AQUARIUS VANN-GHASRI

FAMILY

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1. What personal experience do you bring to the job of Resident commissioner? YouTube.com: Confronting Gentrification, Stanley Austin Interview, Author's Night (models of what we can do as residents for Education, and informing residents. The personal experience I bring to the job my ability to communicate, abstract comprehend, analyze, and interpret Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rules and regulations, DC Codes, Congressional records, City Council bills, Municipal regulations and 24 Code of the Federal Register. I met deadlines that allow me to present to Committees, along with advocating for Resident Commissioners, if qualified to Chair Committees. I interact and collaborate with policy makers effectively, and to the point. I have a network of Resident Driven Public Housing Residents, whom demonstrated effectively, under my leadership. I have demonstrated influencing without authority, public speaking, strategic thinking and planning, competitively positioning Resident Councils and residents for the future through policy. Laying a foundation for the Empowerment of Residents; I have demonstrated strong coalitions, building a network with private, nonprofit organizations for the Empowerment of Residents through Focus Groups, Round Table Discussions as the Chair of the Resident Service/Initiative Chair.

2. What special training, education, or awards have you received? Education: Bachelor Degree Urban Studies Social Planning (UDC), Certified Paralegal (Antioch School of Law), DC Agenda Neighborhood College, George Washington Municipal Public Policy, Nonprofit Management and Leadership (UDC), The Pacific Institute (Seattle, Washington), Community Monitors (National Black Police Association), National Association of Housing and Redevelopment, Core National Leader Organizer (Chicago, Illinois), South Washington/ West of the River Family Strengthen Collaborative, Municipal Management (George Washington University).

3. What volunteer work or public service have you performed? I have performed volunteer work and public service: AmeriCorps Vista, Defense Attorney investigator, Tutor working with Special Needs, DC Voice, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (Nadine Winters), Civic Association, Public Housing United, United Public Housing, Washington Inner City Self-Help (WISH), Luther Place Night Shelter, Director of DCHE, Community Vision, Inc., and Parent Watch.

4. What leadership experience do you possess? My leadership experience began with identifying Reality, and bearing pain of the residents I serve. Residents of DCHA are the institution I owe. I understand the art of leadership require the heart and spirit of all that counts. Without people, there is no need for leaders. I am concerned with the institutional value system, which, after all, leads to the principles and standards that guide the practices of people in the DCHA Communities. These values identified by residents should be broadly understood

and agreed to and should shape our communities. I advocate and encourage the Kimi Gray Academy, Monthly Resident Council Meetings (as a means to Education, Inform, Network Emerging Resident Elect Leaders of Resident Councils); encourage contrary opinions, I owe a covenant, rationality with understanding leaders are obligated to provide and maintain momentum. I am a competent leader and I can be a member of the team, however I am strongly dedicated to the momentum identify by residents as the Clear Vision (Community Benefits); I demonstrated as a leader the well thought out strategy to achieve the Communities Vision (As a leader I recommend Communities to be Territorial and WHY? Each DCHA Community with different issues and Concerns with a common of interest "we are identified as being Complex Communities; I am responsible for effectiveness I can delegate efficiency, but I have to deal personally with effectiveness.

5. What is your vision for the future of the District of Columbia Housing Authority?

Building on the legacy of Resident Councils is a critical vehicle for CHANGE and have helped give public housing residents power over our lives through policy. I agree it takes more that redevelopment and modernization to make a housing authority effective; New and Conventional Traditional Communities will be designed by Residents on the lease through a joint partnership of a Community Benefit Agreement. Communities will Reengineer and Design their Community, or make the Right Choice with Residents impact and transforming public housing communities. We take advantage of HUD Initiatives

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Empowering Residents, and the life cycle of Public and Indian Housing; Creating Economic Investment Opportunities for Residents under Section 3.

6. What issues are important to DCHA residents you wish to represent?

Issues important to DCHA residents I represent Looking Back and Moving Forward of Positive Change with a Community Benefit Design by Residents. Building an agency that does not neglect residents and put our lives in jeopardy, transparency, develop a strong and responsive property management system, Release dollars in reserve funds that had previously lock in for Traditional Conventional Public Housing (depoliticized - look this word up....) the lack of continuity leadership at the agency at the agency, agency excessive entanglement with politics, “Reshape the Nation’s notions of affordable housing of traditional Conventional Public Housing, vibrant communities, creative Initiatives, working with Communities most affected by new development, working together plan, produce and preserve safe and affordable housing, Resident Entrepreneurship.

7. What changes or improvements would you make as priorities for residents?

Develop Guidelines and Resolutions Enforcing Regulatory Structure that Supports and Empower Traditional Conventional Public Housing Residents, and Resident Councils. Changes cannot happen, unless Guidelines are in place, and Resolutions and initiatives are written to Protect the Rights of Residents of Public Housing.

8. What most qualifies you for this role?

Special Training: Affordable Housing Development, Using Low Income Tax Credit Program, Asset Management to Empower Resident, Models for Property Managers to Empowerment Residents, Community and Neighborhood Revitalization Building Communities, Urban Dynamics, Lending and Rehab Strategies for Maximum Neighborhood Impact, Green Neighborhoods, Understanding Your Community, Analyzing your Community, Community Economic Development Principals, Practices for Low and Moderate Income, Community Engagement, Breaking with Isolation the Power of Neighbors, Working with Faith-Based institutions in Community Development, the Role of Women in Transforming Communities, Strong Coalitions Building, Resident Engagement and CDC Accountability for Healthy Communities, Reaching Your Community and Getting the Media on Your Side, Intergenerational Community Building, Understanding the Politics of Policy, Community Organizing Values and Conflicts.

9. Why should residents vote for you?

Building Relationships Across Lines of Difference. Demonstrated power building through Community Policy by Challenging, Enforcing Title 24 Code of Federal Register; Municipal Regulation DC, D.C. Code and HUD regulation; advocating guidelines for the Empowerment of residents. An advocate for DCHA to become a Move To Work (MTW) Housing Authority, (a demonstration project initiative, under HUD impacting residents); Results of DCHA as MTW Housing Authority; Deregulation of finance providing flexibility to use HUD funding in creative ways to open possibilities for residents of DCHA; a personal interest in the Do Your Best a 14 year program of DCHA Advocating and Promoting successfully the increase number of DCHA youths application participation in the summer employed Program;

Concentration on Human Development a critical challenge assisting residents becoming self-sufficient; The Section 3 program I advocated successful “Vendors write-in proposal (RFP) Hire, Train, and Apprentice DCHA residents. Demanding and Enforcing Maintenance Control Numbers, Training on an ongoing bases for Property Managers, Instrumental in shaping guidelines and lease agreement for DCHA On Site Providers; I am expert of, Comprehending, Summarization Policy Analysis; working experiences of Land, Trust, Deeds, Landlord and Tenant Issues, Municipal Litigation, Tax and Bonds, Social Planning of Policies of Low and Moderate Income residents.



RHONDA EDWARDS HINES

FAMILY

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1. What personal experience do you bring to the job of Resident commissioner?

I have been a resident of District of Columbia Housing Authority for 27 years. I have been involved in my community for 25 years. I have served as the Treasurer on the Barry Farm Resident Council for 18 years. I'm a person that truly believes that our voices make a difference. I work closely with the Executive Office of the Mayor and the City Council Members as the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (ANC) and as the Chairperson of the Human Capital Committee under the Barry Farm New Communities Program. I work closely with the government and nonprofit agencies on policies and programs for the residents to be self-reliant.

2. What special training, education, or awards have you received?

I received/worked very hard for my Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice focus on Family Structure and Policy, Associate of Science in Criminal Justice focus on Law Policy. I attended the special training for DCHA Resident Leadership Retreats. As for awards, I received Outstanding Leadership and National College Honor Society.

3. What volunteer work or public service have you performed?

I am the current Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for 8C06, Treasurer of the Resident Council, Senior Bag Program, Oversee the day to day functions of A Wider Circle to serve the residents in Barry Farm with the everyday household and personal needs supplies - as one of the leaders of the resident council.

4. What leadership experience do you possess?

I am the current Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for 8C06. I consider a wide range of policies and programs affecting my neighborhoods. These include economic development, traffic, police improvements, police protection, recreation, street improvement, liquor licenses, zoning, and sanitation and trash collection along with the District's annual budget. The intent of the ANC legislation is to ensure input from the residents that are affected by government policies. I present the views of the residents to District government agencies in the Executive Branch as the DC Council members. My views are governed by law must be given "great weight" when the final decisions by government are made.

5. What is your vision for the future of the District of Columbia Housing Authority?

My vision for the future of DCHA is to make sure that DCHA residents are more informed of the rules and regulations that are to be implemented to them. Along with their rights and making sure that resident concerns are not just heard, but addressed.

6. What issues are important to DCHA residents you wish to represent?

Talking to some residents, the issues I hear the most is safety and quality of their living conditions of the units. These are the most important issues I will address first. I believe in building from the inside out.

7. What changes or improvements would you make as priorities for residents?

Improving the residents' quality of life, this includes safety and their living conditions. My priorities would be to make sure that each property has adequate policing and

lighting, bring workable programs to the family properties so that the residents may become self-sufficient.

8. What most qualifies you for this role? I have been a resident of DCHA for 27 years. I'm one of the leaders in the community in which I live for 20 years. I am focus on our rights as residents. I'm a person that truly believes that our voices make a difference. I understand the needs of the residents, along with wide range of policies and programs regulations. I am dedicated to fight for our rights and I will represent the Family Properties with dignity.

9. Why should residents vote for you? My platform and trusted beliefs are built on the following four principles:

- 1) As a DCHA resident I will make sure that our concerns are not overlooked while all around us we see massive redevelopment. Most importantly understanding that the residents of DCHA are powerful and their voices/concerns matter.
- 2) Ensure that the residents of DCHA rights are put first when it comes to implementing rules, by-laws and policies and regulation necessary/effective administration of DCHA's law and policies are adequately prepared to educate residents for opportunities and careers.
- 3) To withhold the responsibilities and duties of Commissioner and apply them to help support the residents of DCHA.
- 4) Identify affordable housing opportunities that match the salaries being offered to families to prepare them to become self-reliant. With all this said, I do what's in my heart to do! I stand up for what is right! And most importantly I truly care about the residents and their well-being! I WILL BE HONORED AND I AM COMMITTED TO REPRESENTING YOU!

ANTONIO D. TALIAFERRO

MIXED (SENIOR/DISABLED)

- 1. What personal experience do you bring to the job of Resident commissioner?** I have good leadership to the resident listen to the senior, disable resident to take care of the problems that the residents have.
- 2. What special training, education, or awards have you received?** The General Manager of McDonald's Corp and the District Manager. Then the Chairman/ Founder of the Student Action Committee PG County, Maryland.

3. What volunteer work or public service have you performed? I was the Administration of Assistance, then the Vice principal of Friendship Education Center.

4. What leadership experience do you possess? The District Manager of McDonald's.

5. What is your vision for the future of the District of Columbia Housing Authority? It needs more works on the job to help the people and the homeless people with housing.

6. What issues are important to DCHA residents you wish to represent? Health environment and a better place for people to live.

7. What changes or improvements would you make as priorities for residents? Low rent and every health environment.

8. What most qualifies you for this role? My stronger leadership and my experience and taking care of the senior and disabled residents.

9. Why should residents vote for you? I am a good person to take care of the problem that the resident I will answers all the questions that people have for me.

RAY MCCREE

MIXED (SENIOR/DISABLED)

- 1. What personal experience do you bring to the job of Resident commissioner?** My personal experience is that I am a resident, and I am interested in helping to make better decisions for the living environment of Senior residents.
- 2. What special training, education, or awards have you received?** I have had Resident Council Training.
- 3. What volunteer work or public service have you performed?** Sergeant-at-arms for The Ft. Lincoln Resident Council.

4. What leadership experience do you possess? I was commissioner for a Baseball League.

5. What is your vision for the future of the District of Columbia Housing Authority? My vision is to have a healthy living environment for all Public Housing residents.

6. What issues are important to DCHA residents you wish to represent? Senior residents being able to live safely in an environment with ex-offenders.

7. What changes or improvements would you make as priorities for residents? The process in how applicants are selected for handicap and senior citizen properties.

8. What most qualifies you for this role? Because I live in a senior citizen and handicap building and I see the issues every day of how the residents are being abused and disrespected by some of the ex-offenders.

9. Why should residents vote for you? Residents should vote for me because they see what I see and they feel the way I feel and want something to be done to make the situation better.

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SANDRA GAGE

MIXED (SENIOR/DISABLED)

1. What personal experience do you bring to the job of Resident commissioner? I bring over 25 years of experience to the table.

2. What special training, education, or awards have you received? I am an advocate for the community.

3. What volunteer work or public service have you performed? I volunteer with feeding the hungry.

4. What leadership experience do you possess?
Advisory neighborhood Commissioner, notary public -vice president.

5. What is your vision for the future of the District of Columbia Housing Authority? To remodernize all old buildings make room for people to live in. The list is too long for so many years to many homeless people.

6. What issues are important to DCHA residents you wish to represent? Their rights, community where they live safety for them and children, freedom to speak, better living surroundings.

7. What changes or improvements would you make as priorities for residents? To make sure they have better living quarters and that their rights are not being violated or misjudge and improve the community where they live to better their lives and the lives for others.

8. What most qualifies you for this role? The years of experience I have. City Wide Advisory. General Advisory Rep ANC Commissioner.

9. Why should residents vote for you? The love I have for what I do, I do to Rep them and the issues that they may have I try to get the job done for them I pull out all stops. I go to the source to win the case.

BURNELL E. BROWN

MIXED (SENIOR/DISABLED)

1. What personal experience do you bring to the job

of Resident commissioner? My personal experience that brings me to the job of Resident commissioner is living in an environment with senior citizens, handicap residents and ex-offenders.

2. What special training, education, or awards have

you received? Resident Council training for the position of Treasurer.

3. What volunteer work or public service have

you performed? Served on the board of the Statewide Independent Living Council, and public relations, served on board of National Federation of the Blind as President, Vice President and Treasurer.

4. What leadership experience do you possess?

Served as President and Vice President of the National Federation of the Blind and Deaf Associations.

5. What is your vision for the future of the District of Columbia Housing Authority?

My vision for DCHA is to improve the quality of the living situation.

6. What issues are important to DCHA residents

you wish to represent? I would like to represent better safety conditions for all senior residents.

7. What changes or improvements would you make as priorities for residents?

I would like to make changes to the screening process for some of the residents that are ex-offenders.

8. What most qualifies you for this role?

My experience as a resident living in an unsafe environment and feeling the need to make a difference.

9. Why should residents vote for you?

Because I have the ability to understand the needs of the residents and I am willing to try to make the living situation better than what it is now.



FRANK RICHARD LANCASTER

MIXED (SENIOR/DISABLED)

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1. What personal experience do you bring to the job of Resident commissioner?

1) I retired with significantly lengthy work experience - 25 years in the automotive industry. Skill developed financial management customer relations. 2) Member of the Board of Commissioner from 2001-2015. I represented the senior and disabled residents.

2. What special training, education, or awards have you received?

University of the District of Columbia, Computer Instruction for the Senior Citizens class, the Jewish Council of Aging, and Facilitator Program Assistant for the Academy For Lifetime Learning Institute of Gerontology.

3. What volunteer work or public service have you performed?

1) A proclamation 01-01 from DCHA on February 14, 2001 to recognize and honor me as a DCHA Good Samaritan; 2) Member of the National Association of Housing Development Official. 3) USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Service Award as can be attested by President George W. Bush from the Council on Service and Participation.

4. What leadership experience do you possess?

President of Washington Healthcare Empowerment Coalition, Inc.; President Emeritus of Washington Healthcare Justice And Economic Empowerment Coalition; Board member of Body Wise (UDC) Department of Gerontology.

5. What is your vision for the future of the District of Columbia Housing Authority?

Committed to being Resident Driven, understanding the importance of providing and effective manage clean, safe place to live in during the resident stay with DCHA.

6. What issues are important to DCHA residents you wish to represent?

Being provided with other services that wrap around critical needs. It is very important that we see this as a unique opportunity to have good neighbors.

7. What changes or improvements would you make as priorities for residents?

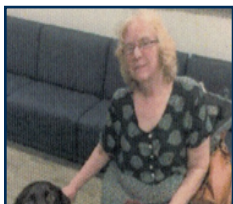
That our Safety Department is visual on all properties, 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, our residents will be able to feel comfortable when they are at home.

8. What most qualifies you for this role?

The years on the Board of Commissioners working with others to funding to provide DCHA to serve its residents.

9. Why should residents vote for you?

They know I will always be working for them with other board members to improve and to inform DCHA that the residents come first.



JANET PARKET

MIXED (SENIOR/DISABLED)

1. What personal experience do you bring to the job of Resident commissioner?

I currently live at Regency House Apartments which is mixed housing for disabled and elderly. I am both disabled and elderly. I use a manual wheelchair and a service dog. I have been disabled for many years and thus know the daily challenges of being disabled.

2. What special training, education, or awards have you received?

I have training in homeless issues, domestic violence issues and disability issues. I hold a degree in Education and experience teaching and speaking in public. I also have attended legal education programs on human rights and civil rights at American University School of Law.

3. What volunteer work or public service have you performed?

I am an active human rights advocate and regularly advocate for elderly and disabled persons. I participate in multiple non-profit groups including: The National Federation of the Blind (DC Chapter), American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI), Independent Living Center of DC, the DC group for Hard of Hearing and Hearing Loss and others. I recently was trained as a long-term care ombudsman by University Legal Services.

4. What leadership experience do you possess? I am now retired from a long professional career, during which I managed my own business as a self-employed contractor as well as working in a variety of positions with non-profit organizations and educational institutions.

5. What is your vision for the future of the District of Columbia Housing Authority?

I have a vision of a future where all the residents of DC have available to them affordable and appropriate housing, a future in which those who are elderly or disabled are housed with full ADA accommodation for their needs.

6. What issues are important to DCHA residents you wish to represent?

1) Accessibility & ADA accommodation; 2) Safety and security; 3) Continuity of residents; 4) Maintenance and Repair; 5) Availability of appropriate and affordable housing; 6) Provision of services.

7. What changes or improvements would you make as priorities for residents?

I would ensure that the residents' rights in respect to their housing be respected. I will work to make sure residents have the necessary accommodation for their needs. I will ensure that residents will be treated fairly and with respect for any housing dispute.

8. What most qualifies you for this role? Daily, I deal with the same problems and challenges as other residents. Since I am both elderly and disabled, I understand their needs. I am a trained long-term care ombudsman for the District of Columbia (volunteer position).

9. Why should residents vote for you? I will be an active involved advocate for their interests. I will seek information so the Commission will make decision in the best interests of the residents.