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**2018 Greater Greater Washington ANC Candidate Questionnaire
Ward 7 Responses**

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Name: **Veda Rasheed**

ANC and Single Member District: **7 E01**

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

The 2017 tax bill that created Opportunity Zones which provides for tax incentives for investments in new businesses and commercial projects in low-income communities, 72.0% are located in Wards 7 or 8, compared to 49.5% of all eligible tracts and 42% of non-selected tracts. This is a great opportunity for a robust need for investment (that can create commercial/retail activity and jobs) by bring new investment to communities most in need of jobs, commercial activity and amenities by leveraging actionable investment opportunities and significant investment opportunities, such as real estate projects and commercial corridors. The greatest risk is not exploring opportunities.

What is your vision for the future of the Fletcher Johnson site?

The resounding vision amongst the community for the Fletcher Johnson site has been one for mixed use with adult learning, arts, community space, and possibly room for a high school which would allow the community to use the facilities and the families in the surrounding areas to take advantage of the educational services the site may offer. Additionally, the possibility of a quality hospital facility since health care facilities currently remains a challenge facing residents on the East End of the city.

What are your hopes and/or concerns about the short-term family housing center located in ANC 7E?

With the planned closing of the DC General Hospital, the hope of short term housing is needed to transition individuals and families into permanent housing. However, a concern is ensuring that the community remains part of the process and the city's continually engagement with the residents, civic associations, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, and other interested groups even upon the completion of the short term housing.

As Commissioner, what will you to do advocate for investment in public facilities such as Capital View Library and Benning Park Rec Center?

While Capitol View and Benning Park recreation centers do not reside in my single member district, I intend to assist in a supporting role to those ANC Commissioners. But as a Commissioner, I will work relentlessly and tirelessly in advocating ensuring that I am present to be a voice of community by obtaining vital information, addressing concerns which may arise,

and being present at meetings, conversing with residents, and testifying at hearing on behalf of my neighbors.

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.

While there has not been a specific instance I can recall within Single Member District 7E01 with the removing of on-street parking for bus transit or bike infrastructure, I would approach the situation by first obtaining whether there is an unmet need for bus transit or bike infrastructure in the neighborhood. Secondly, we would evaluate whether the need outweighed on street parking and bring forth these findings to the community for discussion to obtain feedback before making any recommendations or taking a position.

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 Fort DuPont Park needs to be repaved it is difficult for our residents who routinely drive through the park area due to the massive amounts of potholes. Currently, we have some fairly new bicycles lanes, sidewalks, and infrastructure near the Ridge Road Community Center which has made it safer for our seniors when accessing the community center, as well as residents and families who use the facilities. However, there have been some concerns raised with some residents driving over the medians due to their inability to notice them. The top Vision Zero priorities for our community are for the city to: 1) Create Safe Streets and 2) Transparent and Responsive.

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?

Housing Affordability is one of the major challenges in the District as new residents move to the city and many longtime residents feel the weight of the rising housing costs. Recent studies have found that rents in D.C. have grown rapidly than elsewhere, and, generally, housing prices show few signs of decreasing. The District does not know exactly how many homes in D.C. are affordable. Currently no single reliable source of data on existing affordable housing stock, according to officials charged with managing D.C.'s economic development and growth. The District's Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is soliciting advice from experts in technology and real estate on creating a comprehensive database for the city's affordable housing. So until we know, at this time it difficult to state what fair share of the housing would be and would require lots of assumptions.

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

Our biggest controversy in 7E01 are the Communications Tower (cell towers) or lack thereof in the Ridge Road Community Center, residents and users of the facility are not able to receive or send calls while in the facility, this concerning because we have many seniors and families who use the facilities and in case of an emergency or if the landlines are down individuals will not be able to communicate for emergency services or their families members. Our position is that we need to work to resolve this issue expeditiously.

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 decade long resident of Single Member District 7E01, I am qualified because I will ensure that my community is informed and engaged especially our future leaders the youth, we are active in decisions that will directly impact our single member district as well as being on the front end of the conversation of zoning development within our community and surrounding areas. I firmly believe that holding an elected position can be one of the most effective ways to create change within our individual communities and inspire others. That is why if elected as ANC Commissioner it will be my commitment to the residents that I will be a relentless advocate for the issues that matter most to our community. We need a Commissioner who is ready to mobilize and unite our community behind the issues we care about the most. I am ready to take action to ensure our community prospers. In two years, I will strive to increase community engagement with attendance by in-person and online participation; build up the committees with community participation; and development of a strategic plan on initiatives the Commission as a whole intends to accomplish during the term.

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.

As Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner we are elected to serve our constituents at times there may be a community interests that is counter to city-wide interests which does not necessarily mean that the city-wide interest is of greater significance to that of the residents we are elected to represent. In this instance it is imperative that the city and the ANC Commission have discussions, present the pros and cons as well as alternative solutions in effort to obtain a common ground to advocate effectively for the constituents whom elected to serve and the city in which we reside.

Name: **Ebbon Allen**

ANC and Single Member District: **7 E03**

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

I believe the constituents in Ward 7 should be more informed about Opportunity Zones. I believe in Opportunity Zones if there will be Equity given to all current constituents that would like to invest in a small business. The City of DC should give the constituents that already reside in the city to have equal opportunity to start up a business in their background. We all know the competition from stakeholders will become very intense, however young, ambitious and self motivated residents should have strong support from city leaders.

What is your vision for the future of the Fletcher Johnson site?

I am an alumnus of Fletcher Johnson Educational Center. I finished in 1993. As a Commissioner in my community I just want my junior high school to become a community hub with retail shops, performance arts center, even a small grocery store if feasible for the community at large. I do not want Fletcher Johnson to ever become a public high/charter school. We hope and pray that the Deputy Mayor of Education would give the project to the Deputy Mayor of Economic Development to lead on what next of one the biggest properties in Ward 7.

What are your hopes and/or concerns about the short-term family housing center located in ANC 7E?

I am hoping long term that the short term family housing center becomes a great asset to our community and neighborhoods. I believe as long as the resources for families to know they have support with employment opportunities, safer communities and partnering with our civic associations on initiatives to build a brighter community we will have an awesome ANC 7E.

As Commissioner, what will you do advocate for investment in public facilities such as Capital View Library and Benning Park Rec Center?

The Capital View Library Project has been a very critical topic in ANC 7E. I hope that DC Public Library will make everything they promised for the constituents of ANC 7E comes into fruition. Ward 7 is fed up of broken promises from City Officials and every constituent residing in Ward 7 deserves the best representation and facilities like any other ward in Washington, DC. Benning Recreational Center deserves a brand new rec center. The Mayor's Office have decided to give 10 million dollars on a modernization project. The project includes, A new boxing facility, a brand new roof for the gymnasium(The roof of the gym has been leaking for over 30 years) and the installation of an elevator. As a leader in the community, Benning Park deserves a

recreational center just like Kennilworth, Deanwood, Benning Stoddert, and Marvin Gaye. The Benning Park community deserves equal resources just like other West of the Anacostia River. Our children and youth also deserves the great resources that Washington,DC will provide for those willing to seize the opportunity. The modernization project will take 2 years and in the meantime the residents of Benning Park will have to commute to Deanwood Rec Center to sign up for program. My question will transportation be provided for our families of Benning Park? If not, each constituent in my community will commute via Metro daily to join/collaborate with the Deanwood Community.We expect greater things for the residents of Ward 7!

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 am not too concerned about the bike infrastructure, I am more concerned about the public safety in Ward 7. We should be focused on identifying resolutions for the spike in crime in Ward 7. The top priorities should include Education, Public Safety and our food dessert. If we will can work collaboratively on those 3 major elements than we can focus on the bus transit/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?

My constituents would like more places to take their children and families to enjoy the sights of Ward 7. My constituents are intrigued to see what will DC do to create more vibrant communities throughout Ward 7?

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?

Meetings are so valuable for our constituents to speak up about what will benefit them in regards to housing affordability. DC government also should show data to residents of Ward 7 on what is affordable housing East of the River? We will City Council advocate for workforce housing opportunities for DC Police, DCPS Teachers, and the fire department?

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

Everyone wants to know about the vacant Properties on East Capitol Street..What is the vision of Ward 7 since the Walmart Deal was breached? My constituents don't have enough grocery stores or retail shops to frequent. I agree on every one of my constituent concerns. Many of my constituents are also living in fear with the spike in crime in ANC 7E. 22 yr old male murdered in July. 11 yr old girl shot in her mouth 4th of July and 6 yr old girl shot 2 weeks.Public Safety is very critical concern for the residents of ANC 7E. If you dont feel safe in

your community the only other question would be, what do you do next? Some may move out of DC, however others might move to another part of the city. The key word for the constituents of Ward 7 would be "Equity".

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 running for re-election. Some of my initiatives includes a Black Male Literacy Program at CW Harris ES, I hosted a National Gun Violence Awareness Day with MPD(6D). I was elected as Chairman of ANC 7E in January. Last December I hosted a Holiday Toy Giveaway for the residents of Benning Park. I also work closely with the leaders of the Marshall Heights Civic Association and Benning Ridge Civic Association. I simply just want my community to thrive like any other community in Washington, DC.

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 usually inform my constituents that I work very closely with Councilman Gray's office and Mayor Bowser's office. Many residents of Ward 7 just want to be heard and to make sure resolutions are created for the betterment of our city. Many constituents are asking me about the K2 epidemic. I respond with informing them about Department of behavioral health and their resources. Families are also concerned about DCPS vs. DC Charter so I usually inform parents what school best fits your scholar. Equity should be placed in DCPS so both entities can provide quality educational resources for the scholars of Ward 7.

Name: **Yolanda Fields**

ANC and Single Member District: **7 E07**

What is your vision for the future of the Fletcher Johnson site?

My vision for Fletcher Johnson I wish for that facility to be a Rec Center. Why cause we need more places in our ward 7 for our youth to have some where for them to feel safe. Other than being in the streets.

What are your hopes and/or concerns about the short-term family housing center located in ANC 7E?

My concerns for the families that are in the housing center. Is that a lot of them are in need of so much far as Medical Asst., Programing, Life Skills, Education, Mental Health Service and much more

As Commissioner, what will you do to advocate for investment in public facilities such as Capital View Library and Benning Park Rec Center?

As Commissioner of ward 7E07 I would hear all the concerns of the people. In my single member district before making decisions.

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 go door to door and have the people to sign a petition and have a meeting on the subject at hand.

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 priorities in my community is to get (3) lights at the top of Southern Ave & 58th SE. and at the end of 58th & East Capital St. SE. That will be my first to do due to all the accidents.

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?

As ANC I will communicate with my single member district on the housing challenges. And make sure as the ANC I have all the information.

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

My biggest issues in my neighborhood is the men & woman that are just loitering around.

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

While I may not be the most experienced person in the room. I feel our SMD is in need a fresh and new direction. I would like our SMD to bring about a vision that inclusive and accepting for our neighbors with dogs, children and those businesses looking to hire our 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.

Maybe talk about meeting with other leaders to affect positive change.

Name: Nicole Smith-McDermott

ANC and Single Member District: 7B04

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

The greatest opportunity I see as being a beneficial opportunity to the zones in my area would be that residents in Ward 7 would have access to resources which have been seriously lacking in the area. However, the risk I find to be associated with the 2017 tax bill that created opportunity zones is that if elected officials are not closely monitoring the development of these zones, the tax breaks associated with this tax bill could result in gentrification without any input for the neighbors in the community.

What is your vision for redevelopment at Penn Branch and Skyland shopping centers?

My vision for redevelopment at both Penn Branch and Skyland shopping centers is to ensure that smart building happens in our neighborhood. Smart building would consist of input from the neighbors surrounding each respective area to ensure the development is beneficial to the community without disturbing the aesthetic of the community. I have been a Ward 7 resident for over 25 years and I look forward to the development at the Penn Branch shopping center. Growing up as a child in the Hillcrest/Penn Branch area, I remember going to the grocery store with my parents and siblings in the early 90's. The ability to just walk down the hill to the grocery store has been a distant past memory for many years and I would love my son to have the opportunity to have the same memories I had growing up. We shouldn't have to go across the river to receive very basic resources such as food or a place to sit down and have a nice meal with our families.

As commissioner, how will you work with community organizations and other commissioners to improve ward 7?

As commissioner, I will work with every community organization to develop a clear plan for communication in addition to developing a collaborative and collegial relationship among the various organizations in Ward 7. Consistent engagement with community organizations is very important to me because they are the pioneers in community outreach. As commissioner, my duty is to ensure that my neighbors' concerns are heard and a plan of action is seen through to execution. As commissioner, I vow to work with community organizations and other commissioners in Ward 7 to ensure that we are getting input from our neighbors and taking those concerns seriously for the betterment of our community.

What are the biggest transportation priorities facing ANC 7B, and what will you do to address them?

The biggest transportation priorities facing ANC 7B would be Metrobus access and motorist traffic throughout the side streets during rush hour from the motorist traveling to or from the District via Pennsylvania Ave. To address the public transportation issue being faced I plan on developing a resolution recommending extension of Circulator bus route from Eastern Market to Pennsylvania Avenue East.

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 proposal for improving bus transit in my neighborhood would include extending the circulator bus route from Eastern Market traveling east of Pennsylvania Ave. My proposal would not affect on-street parking for neighbors.

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?

New bicycle lanes throughout Ward 7 would promote a healthy lifestyle for those residents that wish to not only bike to or from work but there would be a sense of safety among neighbors who wish to bike with young children without the fear of sharing the road with motorist in the area.

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 ANC plays a major role in addressing housing affordability challenges. Ward 7 is one of the most affordable Wards in Washington, DC. The ANC has done an outstanding job at sustaining affordability in our Ward and I plan on continuing to fight for sustaining affordability in our community.

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

The biggest controversy not mentioned thus far in this questioner is public safety. My position on the public issue is that the residents and my neighbors are in dire need of police presence throughout our community on a regular basis. Specifically, there has been a spike in the number of car break-ins happening and I know that if we had the necessary police presence in our neighborhoods we can secure or material items that we have worked very hard to acquire.

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 SMD 7B04 because I am 100% vested in Ward 7 and my priority is to sustain the community that not only I grew up in but the community that I am now raising my son in. I have lived in Ward 7 for over 25 years and I would like to see it grow and thrive without sacrificing the natural esthetic of our wonderful community. I will use my platform to advocate for my community to ensure we have access to food resources, transportation, and public safety.

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.

In such situations, I will demonstrate my natural leadership skills by speaking with community members to fully understand their opposition to broader city-wide interests to ensure that the opposition does not have a negative impact on the community. While community members may advocate a counter position, the members in the community is what matters most to me because we are the people that live in the community and our interest is always to sustain the quality of life within our community. That may not be reciprocated from a city-wide perspective.

Name: *Villareal "VJ" Johnson*

ANC and Single Member District: *7B05*

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

The greatest opportunities are for the 10 commercial nodes in Ward 7 to become of interest and attract investment. Green Way, Benning Heights/Ridge, Penn Branch and Skyland/Hillcrest could benefit.

What is your vision for redevelopment at Penn Branch and Skyland shopping centers?

I share in the current vision for that development to serve as a opportunity for health and fitness, grocery options, retail and housing. I like that a planet fitness is coming as well as a grocery store. I also think the senior housing components give long time residents an opportunity to stay in the community after transitioning from the homes they raised their children and taken care of their families.

As commissioner, how will you work with community organizations and other commissioners to improve ward 7?

As a Commissioner, with experience serving in this role as a Chair, partnering with neighborhood association is how. There seems to be a great disconnect in our Commission work and how neighborhood associations work. I think the Commissions should be tools of the associations. The Commissions are the speakers and microphones of residents. My idea is to build better functioning relationships with the neighborhood associations.

What are the biggest transportation priorities facing ANC 7B, and what will you do to address them?

Trying to find the route utilization for the Potomac Avenue-Skyland/Congress Heights/Barracks Row Circulatory. This bus and route seems need by some but low ridership and poor on time performance is a challenge.

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 am not sure. I am not that versed in this technical area. However, I would share the facts, cost benefit and look to understand and empathize with any effect or impacts to current residents. We do typically have a problem with change. It's just the process.

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, sidewalks and other infrastructure for safety integrated along Alabama ave and Branch avenue.

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?

By making resolutions and taking formal position. 7B contains a lot of housing stock for families. It also has it share of multi-family dwelling developments, such as Park Naylor, Naylor Gardens, Fairfax Village. I think New developments like Skyland, Penn Hill, Green Way can absorb increase density

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

Sidewalks. Becoming ADA compliant. I think neighborhood should be walk able. To be walk able sidewalks are key. I have a small child and I can think of them walking in the street because someone doesnt want them to walk on their grass that could be a sidewalk.

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

Experience, relationships and vision is why I am running. I have the ability, skill and knowledge to integrate what is new and evolving and that which is sustained and structured. My role is one of developing relationships, sharing information and assisting with problem solving collaboratively and diplomatically. I have helped shape the conversation and direction of education, public safety and economic development. In a 3 way race only 100 votes seperated us from the change people sought after. 7 out of 10 voted against the incumbent. By staying active and running again, I have held the incumbent accountable, the people encourage and engaged and active.

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.

People have emotional ties to their positions. And thats OK. The best thing I can do is understand why, provide the best information possible without offense and be patient. The people of the District of Columbia are great at doing what's best for them when the information, trust and relationships are inline.

Name: *April Pradier*

ANC and Single Member District: *7B06*

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

The greatest opportunity of Opportunity Zones is that this will allow the contribution of investment funds to economic growth & development which will increase productivity through new jobs and much needed housing (especially for the working poor). The greatest potential risk is in over development that would result in higher property taxes and could hurt current residents already in financial distress.

What is your vision for redevelopment at Penn Branch and Skyland shopping centers?

My vision for Penn Branch and Skyland shopping centers are that they create a safe place to live, work and provide modern amenities that support the needs and wants of my community.

As commissioner, how will you work with community organizations and other commissioners to improve ward 7?

I will work with community organizations and other commissioners through grass roots assembly. I support the action of Ward 7 leaders coming together to discuss issues and to accomplish a shared interest that represents our community. As commissioner, my role is to be a good and effective listener in order to allow the needs of my community to influence key decisions.

What are the biggest transportation priorities facing ANC 7B, and what will you do to address them?

The biggest transportation priorities are those mostly related to the elderly and handicap to metro, grocery stores and hospitals. I plan to address these priorities by promoting informed decision making, first by identifying any gaps/issues and then by integrating knowledge from researching solutions associated with filling those gaps.

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.

One way to improve bus transit or bike infrastructure in your neighborhood is through designated routes and the creation of bike paths. In my neighborhood we mainly have on street

parking therefore I wouldn't support the removal of on street parking as it may be disruptive to residents.

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, sidewalks, or other infrastructure (ect) where they would be practical and necessary. The top Vision Zero priority in Ward regard provide the necessary infrastructure for cameras at 100% of high-priority locations.

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 ANC could play a part and contribute in our neighborhood towards addressing housing affordability challenges by participating in the development of a strategy to incentivize and support affordable housing projects.

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

Our biggest controversy seems to be related to the residents in my community not be heard, being ignored and possible hidden agendas from some ANC leaders. I have been a DC resident all my life and in my neighborhood for nearly 20 years. My position is that a good leader is firstly one who listens, then identifies the issue and determines feasibility to prioritize and communicate solutions without bias and/or any personal agenda.

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 SMD because I'm fair and only want the greater good of my neighborhood realized. I am a person of action and will not make a decision without being well informed. My husband is a police officer and I'm a scientist and developer which means that we both are problem solvers and have our ears to the ground. My vision for our ANC in 2 years is that we continue to improve upon the better interest of our 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.

My position is that a good leader is firstly one who listens, then identifies the issue and determines feasibility to prioritize and communicate solutions without bias and/or any personal agenda.

Name: **D.L. Humphrey**

ANC and Single Member District: **7B07**

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

Sometimes the difference between the rich and the poor are the opportunities that a person has had. I believe that this bill will give opportunities and hopefully help to narrow the gap and help to drive competition in my Ward.

What is your vision for redevelopment at Penn Branch and Skyland shopping centers?

My vision includes more sit down restaurants as well as activity centers for our youth and senior citizens.

As commissioner, how will you work with community organizations and other commissioners to improve ward 7?

During my tenure as Commissioner and Chairman of 7B, I have focused on bridging the gap between the government and the residents by making sure that people are aware of what we are doing. I believe transparency is key and with that we will be able to move forward effectively and efficiently.

What are the biggest transportation priorities facing ANC 7B, and what will you do to address them?

One of the biggest transportation priorities facing 7B is the bus routes on Minnesota and Pennsylvania Avenue and the traffic delay that they cause. I have spoken with DDOT about these issues and our commission has developed a transportation committee to help address the concerns of the 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.

I would first ask WMATA and DDOT to send out notification to the effected areas. I would then hold a special meeting (inviting DDOT and WAMATA) to address the concerns of the residents.

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 have spoken with many individuals that ride bikes and they have stated that they should be allowed to ride on the sidewalk and not on the street.

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 we need to have a real understanding of what is affordable housing. Once there is a clear definition then we can look into addressing some of the concerns.

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

No comment

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

I truly care about making my SMD and my Ward better. I believe that my work speaks for itself. Together we can place people over politics. My vision includes a safe, thriving and growing 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.

I would lead by making sure that people are aware and that I listen to all aspects before making a decision.

Name: **Patricia Malloy**

ANC and Single Member District: **7C01**

What is your vision for the Capital Gateway Site?

Shopping Mall. Drugstore Shoppers some type grocery store. Apartments on top. Barbershop and hair salon. Nice eateries.

What will you do as commissioner to address crime and public safety concerns in your community? What is your opinion of the NEAR Act, and how will you engage with it as a commissioner?

Work closely with law enforcement. Have more meeting in the community where they are targeted areas or not. Bring mor resources .

What will you do to ensure that development and PUD processes are equitable and inclusive?

Try to work closely with developers.Making sure all communications are open. All chances are reported in a timely manner.

What are your hopes and/or concerns regarding the redevelopment of the Deanwood Metro station area?

Who would benefit from this? Will the units be affordable? Also residents in the targeted area should be aware of all progress that's taken place Thur a mass mailing to them.

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.

Meet with the effect community to see if this is what they want. If not form a petition.

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 sidewalks and streets in 7C need to be repaved and repaired property.They also need to be cleaned and some areas trash need picked up. Bike lanes need to be marked.

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 are New Community. Address resident concerns

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

Communication

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

I welcome anyone to run for any position. I love helping people. If I win or loss I will continue to do what I do being the voice for someone less fortunate then I. Keeping people informed.

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.

Listen to people. Do my own research.

Name: *Aaron Watkins*

ANC and Single Member District: *7C01*

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

Opportunity Zones in my area will create more neighborhood jobs, housing units and a more clean environments. Greatest risk is not enough affordable housing.

What is your vision for the Capital Gateway Site?

This community needs a grocery store.

What will you do as commissioner to address crime and public safety concerns in your community? What is your opinion of the NEAR Act, and how will you engage with it as a commissioner?

As a ANC, I will engage all monthly meetings, attempt to address any public safety concerns with other commissioners, and be very active in the community. I like the NEAR Act, and believe that it will help our community. I will utilize this Act when necessary for helping the constituents and help reduce crime.

What will you do to ensure that development and PUD processes are equitable and inclusive?

I will work with other commissioners to create a process to get all necessary information in the hands of our residents for more community engagement and resident feedback.

What are your hopes and/or concerns regarding the redevelopment of the Deanwood Metro station area?

The area of Deanwood Metro has recently been renovated to include a clean upscale recreational center, playground for the kids, and large library. I believe more transit security would allow a safer environment.

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 area have already made improvement with public transportation to include more bike lanes and biking docks. In addition, we are expecting extended lanes for Trollies.

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 bike lanes on East Capitol Street Southeast and Northeast. Everything else has been redeveloped to include a 10-mile bike trail.

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 advocate for more 30% AMI low income units. I will also advocate for more affordable homeownership opportunities in my single member district.

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

Job stability and not enough job opportunities for the residents in my single member district. Concerns of MPD Tactics. Not enough 30% ADU's

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 already engage in the community. I would like to have more opportunity to assist with the implementation of affordable housing. If chosen to respresent this area, my vision would be to advocate for more 30 % ADU's.

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.

Mental illness is a large problematic issue that no one wants to address. This is city-wide, but very high in our area. I would sit with community leaders to discuss, and create a plan to address mental illness, to include drug assessments for the need of rehabilitation and rebuilding lives.

Name: Dejuan George

ANC and Single Member District: 7C02

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

The greater risk I believe will be under investing due to lack of income and

What is your vision for the Capital Gateway Site?

Solar panels

What will you do as commissioner to address crime and public safety concerns in your community? What is your opinion of the NEAR Act, and how will you engage with it as a commissioner?

Try to help with jobs for the adolescents and adults that are able to work and interact with the community and try to give them a better vision for life

What will you do to ensure that development and PUD processes are equitable and inclusive?

Take the necessary steps that are needed to enhance the community, which as of know is pretty much a soar for eyes

What are your hopes and/or concerns regarding the redevelopment of the Deanwood Metro station area?

I'm hoping to be able to get a Recreation center closer to the Richardson Dwelling community

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 wouldn't approve of that for the simple fact, it inconveniences the people living on that particular street who Would then have to try to find parking else where,where other people live who have been parking in certain parking spots and basically have a system/understanding..That would cause an issue

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 think bike lanes should be on a less commute or added on to sidewalks

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?

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

Police harassment housing authority officers ticketing visitors and no where for the kids to be able to play safe get water or shade from 100 degree wheather

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 would be 1st a Recreation Center with inside basketball court,weight room, with regards of seniors night or day also to enhance our neighborhood garden from which my neighbors and my own mother pick fruits and vegetables

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 be the voice of my community and I'm willing to stand behind whatever we vow as a community is necessary and needed to benefit us as a whole whether it's writing to the mayor city council or going to there office in person

Name: **Alexis Payne**

ANC and Single Member District: **7C07**

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

I think the greatest opportunities could provide employment for the community, but would also displace residents from their homes.

What is your vision for the Capital Gateway Site?

My vision would be that they provide equal opportunity for all.

What will you do as commissioner to address crime and public safety concerns in your community? What is your opinion of the NEAR Act, and how will you engage with it as a commissioner?

As a commissioner I will hold monthly community meetings to get the opinions of residents to come up with strategies to provide them with safety and security within my single member district. My opinion of the NEAR Act is that it is helpful in a balance between the community and the police. As a commissioner I will make sure that the balance remains between the community and the police by engaging in the NEAR Act and any positive changes that come with it.

What will you do to ensure that development and PUD processes are equitable and inclusive?

I will make sure that there are plenty of benefits and amenities provided to the community such as affordable housing, employment and training opportunities, social services, and community safety.

What are your hopes and/or concerns regarding the redevelopment of the Deanwood Metro station area?

My hopes are that the station will be more secure and safe for all residents, with around the clock security and surveillance. Especially for residents working in the evenings.

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 believe that if this was approached. Private parking spots could be provided for residents also allowing a visitor parking space as well. That way everyone could be accommodated.

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 changes made on Sheriff Rd., Eastern Ave, Division Ave, and Minnesota Ave. My top Vision Zero priorities for my community would be more plants and greenery, more programs for children and teens particularly on the weekends and after school. We could also you a community park within the neighborhood.

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?

[did not respond]

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

Car theft, loitering in front of a daycare, and sexual solicitation. My position on this is that strategies be put in place to make the community safe for everyone especially seniors and children.

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

I think I am the best person to represent my SMD because I have been a life long resident within in my SMD. My mother has represented her SMD for over 20 years so I was able to see first hand what it was like to represent my community. I also have gotten to see the changes first hand of the community. Also I am the community and I know what it is to be apart of it. My vision for my ANC for the next two years would be to see less violence, more community support, better education and employment opportunities, life skills programs for our youth, housing opportunity, and cleaner streets.

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 not only advocate for community support, life skills, education and employment, housing opportunity, and less violence for my SMD, I would also work with other ANC's to try and implement these things throughout the city. I believe these issues are centered all over.

Name: **Tamara Blair**

ANC and Single Member District: **7D01**

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

The greatest opportunity zone nearby Kingman Park is at the RFK Campus. RFK is ripe with opportunity, but it needs to be an opportunity for the existing neighborhood as well as other folks from throughout the region. The playing fields and walking trails instead of acres of unused parking lots is an essential part of making sure the neighborhood benefits from this opportunity zone. If children can go and play on the fields and seniors can take relaxing strolls by the river at the same time as other improvements are made, it is a good tradeoff. On the other hand, there is a huge risk if the neighborhood is ignored. Not allowing the community to use the fields, or going back on the promise of a new playground could exclude the surrounding community, which would sour local residents on what could be a place to bring folks together.

What will you do to ensure that development and PUD processes are equitable and inclusive?

A primary consideration is quality outreach and gathering input from the residents of the community well before construction begins. My job will be to hold developers' feet to the fire to ensure quality outreach happens. Job programs, pedestrian safety above moving cars, and effectively integrating new developments with the existing community are my primary concerns that I think will help to make developments more equitable.

This year the controversial Kingman Park Historic District was approved. What is your stance on the issue? If presented with a controversial divide in your district, how will you approach the situation? How will you work to ensure that all perspectives are heard?

At this time, my stance is to work on the challenge what confronts the community now - formulation of historic district design guidelines. Both civic associations, FOKP and KPCA, have asked for very specific modifications to the proposed guidelines. Two architects who live in the neighborhood and a larger working group (including myself) have spent a significant amount of time reviewing the proposed guidelines, and making suggested edits based on community input. The historic designation process, as it was applied to Kingman Park, was not fair. While it appeared fair and equitable by allowing public testimony, the Board ignored it, which was undemocratic and denied residents basic due process. In fact, public opinion had minimal impact on the final decision, which is the opposite of what neighbors were told for many months. I approach controversial divides with logic and creativity after listening to all sides, researching similar disputes, and weighing the impact on those who are most deeply affected by the decision.

What is your vision for the future of the RFK Stadium site?

My vision is an environment where residents of the surrounding communities can relax and escape to a welcoming environment that will be shared with friends and family as an alternative to the necessity to travel long distances for recreation. Ideally, it would provide opportunities to nurture and teach children through activities that will spark an internal desire to care and collaborate with others. The site would entice seniors to venture out from their homes to interact with and support one another, as well as, encourage them to be a active participants in and a positive influence on the community at large.

What are your hopes and/or concerns regarding the redevelopment of the Deanwood Metro station area?

My hopes include employment opportunities for Deanwood residents who have a vested interest in contribution to the success and continued evolution of the community. With the ever increasing population of the metropolitan area, it is imperative that a sincere effort be made to recruit employees from the immediate area. I think developing immediately next to a Metro station is great because it helps alleviate the road congestion, which is safer for our streets and better for the environment.

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.

It's a tricky situation. I would meet with all the people who park in those spots to see how this change would affect them, and ensure the proposed changes were not too difficult for them to bear. Large scale changes are hard. Smaller scale changes are easier to swallow. A former director of DDOT call it, "aggressive incrementalism." That's what I'd go with. Make difficult changes a little at a time so they were easier to make and allows people to adjust.

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?

It would be nice to see new bicycle lanes along Benning Road where the StreetCar runs in the center of the roadway as opposed to the curb lane. New sidewalks are needed throughout the neighborhood where tree roots, underground maintenance, and general shifting of the ground below or adjacent to sidewalks have cause them to be displaced over time. This type of displacement can be seen along the side of private property located at 1926 D Street, NE where large pools of water collect after rain. In the winter these pools have a tendency to freeze creating a serious safety hazard. A new sidewalk is also needed on the Eastside of 24th Street and Benning Road NE where a tree root has cracked the sidewalk into numerous chunks of concrete that protrude inches above the nearby surface. Crosswalks are needed where

several streets cross Oklahoma Ave, NE. Priorities in the community include C Street, Oklahoma Avenue, and 21st Street, in no particular order.

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 ANC can take measures to ensure that available resources are appropriately communicated and encourage civic associations to invite guest speakers to present and discuss available options. A new 31-unit apartment building is currently under construction at 21st Street and Benning Road. The adjacent property, owned by Verizon and all but abandoned, would be an ideal location and much needed addition to the community as a multi-purpose retail/residential space with seniors in mind as occupants. The property is directly adjacent to 23rd Place, the center of the community, although it fronts Benning Road. A new residential complex for seniors would allow seniors to remain in the community they love without the burden of escalating repairs associated with homeownership. As an alternative, there are four vacant lots (2015, 2017, 2019, and 2021 Benning Road) totaling 9,440 square feet and zoned MU-4 that appears to be available for sale that could be considered for a project that would be beneficial to the city's growing needs.

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

There was a lot of controversy over potential changes to the traffic pattern on 21st Street NE. DDOT identified a dangerous intersection, and proposed closing off a portion of the street to redirect traffic. After objection from the nearby church and some neighbors, DDOT dropped its plan. I hope that DDOT will come back and ensure the safety of neighborhood children and seniors given the dangerous intersection they identified. DDOT needs to look at the whole neighborhood traffic system and create traffic calming measures throughout so commuters stop using our neighborhood as a cut-through.

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 completing my third consecutive term as an elected civic association board member. I'm experienced at successfully and professionally representing the interest of others in a variety of environments locally and globally in my career. The time I can devote to my community does not come second to the demands of employment or other responsibilities. My career is complete. This means I have the availability to advocate for my SMD anytime and anyplace seven days per week. I have a unique combination of transferable skills perfected over a 20+ year career. This practiced skill set is rarely seen in an ANC Candidate. I am the best person to represent my SMD because I have the necessary knowledge of advocacy types, associated methods, and when to use them. I focus on building relationships at all levels for the purpose of moving forward for the greatest possibility of improving our community. Following is a sample of established relationships and active efforts to build better a community in 2018: Neighbor to

Neighbor - hosted events in my home to introduce neighbors to neighbors. Business Development and Engagement - initiated mutually beneficial relationship with EventsDC to promote Summer Movie Series that is scheduled to return in 2019. Civic Association - advocated for inclusion of input from both civic associations regarding historic guidelines. ANC - developed a working relationship with current Commissioners and Commissioner Candidates to share ideas and resources for the advancement of our individual SMDs. Council Members - met with both Council Members Gray and McDuffie individually to advocate for legislative considerations, economic and business development, and individual residents' concerns. The vision for my SMD is one in which the residents have improved relationships with each other leading to regular exchange of ideas and information as we seek out solutions together to increase the quality of life in the neighborhood.

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.

The RFK Campus is a great example. We cannot get everything we want as a community with RFK, but we were able to secure playing fields, a playground, and well-attended movie nights by working smart through effective advocacy. Some people say, "no" to any change if it might negatively effect them, but if one just fights against every proposed change to the neighborhood, one can end up with nothing. Working with neighbors and city-wide interests to find win-win opportunities is how I will lead my SMD forward.

Name: *Meredith Holmgren*

ANC and Single Member District: *7D01*

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

The Anacostia Park/RFK campus within ANC 7D01 (census tract 6804) is a designated Opportunity Zone. Events DC, which is tasked with managing the site, has both a short and long-term vision for the future of RFK campus. Those who develop and invest in that vision could benefit significantly from the tax incentives and deferments of Opportunity Zones. On the one hand, this may broaden the diversity of investors who are interested in the site and accelerate development timelines. On the other hand, Opportunity Zones carry no community benefits requirements, such as local job creation or affordable housing, so we need find ways to ensure that the residents who surround the site benefit from investments in this area.

What will you do to ensure that development and PUD processes are equitable and inclusive?

ANCs play a central role in ensuring transparency and securing community benefits during PUD processes. As ANC, I will publish and encourage opportunities for dialog between residents and developers, while working with a broad constituency to negotiate public benefits. Together, we will weigh our priorities and identify areas of greatest need to provide clarity and cohesion when negotiating with developers. As ANC, I would attempt to begin the community prioritization process early on, before new PUDs arise, so that we are more prepared as opportunities present themselves in the future.

This year the controversial Kingman Park Historic District was approved. What is your stance on the issue? If presented with a controversial divide in your district, how will you approach the situation? How will you work to ensure that all perspectives are heard?

Like many residents of Kingman Park, my views on this issue have evolved a lot over time. When I had a constituency to represent as the president of Friends of Kingman Park (FOKP), I faithfully opposed the district in eight letters to public officials on behalf of our membership. Months after vacating my position with FOKP, new research was published by the Historic Preservation Office which revealed significant supporting documentation, a compelling historical narrative, and confirmed alignment with cultural preservation law and DC's comprehensive plan. While I never wrote an official letter of support, I did ultimately testify in favor of the district as a private citizen during the public hearing. Whatever one's feelings about the historic district, we now need to move forward as a community. The management of our city's cultural resources, like natural resources, is supported through our government and legal system. As the only candidate in this race with a professional and educational background in cultural policy, I am uniquely positioned to support residents and communicate effectively

with the district government on this issue. I also have a strong track record of community engagement, which includes spearheading the neighborhood's only informational panel about historic districts and advising on the development of guidelines. In the future, I think that more transparency, dialog, and learning opportunities will help to ensure a smoother process when controversial issues arise. Stronger engagement with city officials, the faithful distribution of accurate information, and more methodical documentation of community views will also help to ensure that everyone's voices are heard.

What is your vision for the future of the RFK Stadium site?

I support the use the site for sports and recreation, entertainment, greenspace and biodiversity. We also need to respect the site as a floodplain, which safeguards our community against natural (& manmade) flooding disasters. Any development that takes place on the site will need to account for environmental stewardship and flood mitigation so as not to exacerbate risks to the health and safety of our community. While some sports complexes on site may be desirable, I think that a new NFL stadium would be a poor use of the land and a huge opportunity cost for our community. I also stand with Indigenous peoples and allies, both in D.C. and around the country, who have called for the Washington NFL team to change its name.

What are your hopes and/or concerns regarding the redevelopment of the Deanwood Metro station area?

It appears to be an exciting opportunity to transform underutilized surface parking into a multi-use site with retail, housing, and minimal car storage facilities. Ultimately, I will defer to my colleagues in Deanwood to assess the details of this development, but I would be glad to collaborate, as appropriate, with the entire Commission and the Transportation & Infrastructure subcommittee on this issue.

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 Kingman Park, many of our streets are wide enough to comfortably accommodate a variety of multi-modal users. In general, I favor the creation of new multi-modal infrastructure over parking, but I am also sensitive to concerns about disability accommodations. In such situations, the health and safety of residents needs to be the priority. In coordination with the affected residents, we will assess the needs and flexibility of our neighbors and provide a cost-benefit analysis of our options. An example that I can provide is in the C Street NE Rehabilitation project, where I helped to negotiate the size of various transportation lanes, including the width of parking and cycle tracks. At one point, I offered to 'exchange' a parking space in front of my home for a larger bike facility and bio-retention planter. My neighbor, on the other hand, relies heavily on her disabled parking place, so we fought to keep that space in the plan. Fortunately, there was enough room for everyone to be safe and satisfied. In my experience,

gathering the input of community members, assessing available transportation data, and negotiating with DDOT are the most effective ways to find suitable solutions.

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?

Speed is the most reliable predictor of whether someone lives or dies in the event of a collision. Some of our roads, particularly school zones, have well-documented conditions of chronic speeding and high collision rates. We need better engineering and enforcement mechanisms to slow drivers down, decrease collision rates, and increase sight line visibility. According to census data, more than a quarter of our population are minors, while twelve percent of the population are seniors. We have nearly 2,000 students who attend schools in and around our community. Because children and seniors are especially vulnerable on our streets, my Vision Zero advocacy work has thus far focused on ADA compliance and school zone safety. During school hours, data shows that drivers average more than twice the designated speed limit in our most heavily pedestrian-trafficked school zone (C Street NE). As a community leader in the C Street NE Rehabilitation Project, I have worked across wards to ensure that safety gets prioritized over commuter convenience during the redesign of that street. This includes advocating for bulb-outs, narrower lanes, road diet, improved streetscape elements, ADA compliance, raised crosswalks, data transparency, and improved dialog with community residents. There are many other areas of our community that need safety upgrades as well. Several intersections along Benning Road NE could benefit from increased crossing times, stronger ADA compliance, a clarification of vehicular pathways. At the Triangle Park (21st & D Street NE), we need to improve pedestrian infrastructure, add crosswalks, clarify vehicular pathways, and work on storm drain solutions. We also need to redevelop several sidewalks for ADA compliance on the East side of Oklahoma Ave and on both sides of 19th St NE. Going forward, I will continue to use data, evidence, and dialog to inform and prioritize safety improvements for all infrastructure users in our neighborhood.

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?

Our underdeveloped commercial corridor of Benning Road NE holds the most promise for new investment, mixed-use development, and added residential density. This corridor is well-connected, appropriately zoned, under-densified, and serves as a Great Streets priority area. The current condition of vacant and under-utilized buildings on Benning Road is an unfortunate opportunity cost to our community and I think that we need to be much more aggressive in priming this area for affordable housing and responsible investment. I support a strong diversity of affordable options in new development projects. This includes but is not limited to units with various sizes, AMI thresholds, and ADA accommodations. Proportions of each accommodation type can be negotiated during PUD processes and discussed with developers when they present their plans to the community. City-wide, I would like to see more affordable 3+ bedroom units, as well as units at lower AMI thresholds. I support both public and private investments in

affordable housing and am committed to working with the community to identify specific priorities that meet the needs of local and city-wide interests.

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

There are a few environmental stewardship questions that remain up in the air in and around our community. These issues could have a big impact on our future quality of life. (1) If we want a fishable, swimmable Anacostia River, what standard do we use to determine that it is officially so? (2) How do we remediate legacy toxins in the Anacostia River sediment (dredging, capping, etc) and who should pay for it? (3) How do we balance accessibility and conservation of natural resources, such as in the case where a pedestrian bridge is proposed at the Southern tip of Kingman Island, which was recently designated a critical wildlife habitat? While I do not yet have fully formed answers to these questions, I do gravitate toward the promotion of strong public standards and oversight in ecological conservation, restoration, and environmental matters. As a community advocate and founding board member of Friends of Kingman and Heritage Islands, I would like to increase opportunities for education and access to clean natural resources while promoting high standards in health and biodiversity. I would also like to encourage community members to take a more active role in engaging these issues.

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

Of all the candidates in this race, I have the most broad-based local leadership experience, which includes service positions on three community boards that focus on culture & literacy (Friends of Rosedale Library), civic engagement (Friends of Kingman Park), and environmental stewardship (Friends of Kingman and Heritage Islands). I have the strongest record on issues of multimodal transportation, transparency, and the environment, which includes leading data-driven Vision Zero advocacy efforts in the neighborhood's largest transportation infrastructure project thru 2021 (C Street NE). I am the only candidate who regularly attends our ANC meetings, consistently disseminates these proceedings to the public, and has formally collaborated with ANC 7D's Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee. I have experience cooperating with a wide variety of stakeholders, ranging from Councilmembers and Events DC to DDOT and environmental organizations. I am committed to fairness, to inclusiveness, to considering all community viewpoints, and to evidence-based deliberative decision-making. I have listed a few of my accomplishments below. For a more details, please visit www.MeredithForANC.com. -- Vice President and co-founder, Rosedale Library Friends, supporting our local library branch through fundraising, events coordination, literacy promotion, and neighborhood engagement. -- Founding Board Member, Friends of Kingman and Heritage Islands. Events coordinator for collaborations with Living Classrooms' Kingman Island Bluegrass & Folk Festival, Earth Day cleanup w/Anacostia Watershed Society, and mussel basket preparation with members of the Watershed Stewards Academy. -- Past President, Friends of Kingman Park, where I led efforts to support the DC Streetcar, improve fire safety knowledge, advocate for multi-modal transportation and infrastructure, build relationships with

politicians and civil society organizations, and initiate the only public information panel about historic districts. -- Volunteer with trash clean-ups, drug-free advocacy events, under-served child welfare initiatives, community block party, environmental stewardship and education events. -- Multi-year member, Kingman Park-Rosedale Community Garden, supporting sustainable food sources in our community. -- Past Participant, Councilmember Vincent Gray's Ward 7 Leadership Council -- Community advisory committee member for Events DC, focusing on the short-term redevelopment of the Northern parking lots into public recreation space.

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 cannot overemphasize the importance of transparency, inclusion, and evidence-based, data-driven decision-making. With each issue, we need to evaluate costs, benefits, and impacts, in both short and long term trajectories. Every community is different, so I like to avoid broad generalizations about what would happen if all communities advocated for one thing or the other, but a thorough understanding of the issue at hand and the presentation of credible evidence definitely aids leaders in making tough decisions with community members. One example that comes to mind is the distribution of homeless shelters in every ward of the city. As many people know, the homeless shelter at DC General has been our neighbor to the South for a very long time. Soon, the homeless residents will be moved to a variety of new shelters that are being distributed to every ward in the city. Some neighborhoods are fighting the creation of new shelters, despite substantial evidence that shows that smaller, less concentrated pockets of homelessness result in more sustainable, less-costly outcomes for public health and the economy. Our under-served Ward 7 community has been an area with disproportionate amounts of concentrated poverty and homelessness for far too long. It's not particularly efficient or effective for the city to isolate its homeless population at DC General and it's high time that this issue be dealt with in a more equitable manner. I applaud the mayor's decision to redistribute homeless shelters in a variety of DC locations and I hope that this can be achieved in a way that is transparent, timely, cooperative, dignified, and economically sustainable for all involved.

Name: **Dorothy Douglas**

ANC and Single Member District: **7D03**

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

The risks to my community is that I and others of my neighbors will lose our homes without support for replacing that which is pushed to us as the 'American Dream', namely a home of our own. Unless members of our community are intimately involved in the design and planning of any development and provided ALL relevant information - and city employees fail to protect our interests - or at least not sell us out, the opportunities will only be for those seeking to take our property for their own gain. Otherwise we will take advantage of all opportunities coming our way, especially when we are made aware.

What will you do to ensure that development and PUD processes are equitable and inclusive?

I will continue to fight to make sure our residents are fully informed and that we have oversight of the PUD process. Any process developed for the people must have the people informing and directing it. The law says the same, but has not been being enforced.

This year the controversial Kingman Park Historic District was approved. What is your stance on the issue? If presented with a controversial divide in your district, how will you approach the situation? How will you work to ensure that all perspectives are heard?

The Kingman Park Historic District was only controversial to those new residents who did not see the need to respect the interests of the residents of the community into which they had moved, their new neighbors, having been spoiled by living all their lives under white supremacy. We need to ensure that our - black residents' history - be fully respected and struggled outright, NOT behind closed doors as that pop-up ANC tried to do. I will work to ensure that all perspectives are heard and that we all learn to appreciate each other to the fullest, but understand that being heard does not mean getting one's own way. That is what brought us the Citizen's United decision that is totally corrupting elections now.

What is your vision for the future of the RFK Stadium site?

I think that the current process of full community engagement is the appropriate one and should continue, honoring the wishes of the community.

What are your hopes and/or concerns regarding the redevelopment of the Deanwood Metro station area?

There should be an implementation of a full community engagement process, much like that which is currently going on with RFK, to reflect and respect the wishes of the community, including our youth - not just one that mirrors Metro and developers' traditional disrespect.

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.

All infrastructure 'improvements' must take into account and accommodate our seniors and residents with mobility challenges.

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?

It does not appear that those riding bikes or scooters are having to meet any kind of safety and training standards that are negatively impacting safety of residents, especially seniors - nor is there as the result any kind of enforcement. There needs to be more thought from the side of not so able and/or fragile pedestrians.

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 ANC continues to work to protect existing affordable housing in our community and to continue advocating for more affordable housing so our children who want to can afford to stay in our community and city. Our biggest problem is speculators trying to hound our seniors and artificially increasing prices of reselling housing in our neighborhoods. We need far more transparency; also developers must be better policed, and the city's complicity in moving people out of public housing who are not being assured or provided rights of return must be stopped.

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

First and foremost is our need for adequate and good-paying jobs. We don't have enough inspectors to address nuisance properties, vacant lots, property that is not being maintained to help protect our neighborhoods. Maybe we can address our needs for more inspectors with programs to train and hire our youth.

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

I have been doing the job my community wants for the last 15 years and will continue as long as they ask. My goal is to train others to take on this valuable and critical role when I do leave it.

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.

Our neighborhood was deemed the appropriate one to suffer the dangerous inconvenience of placing an interim fire station so my children, grandchildren and neighbors will have to navigate fire trucks mere feet from our front door. We were working to identify a more suitable location but were never even heard by DGS. We are still awaiting our answer to this date. More transparency - we have asked mostly that we be kept informed at each step of the process, but have not yet been successful.

Name: *Cinque Culver*

ANC and Single Member District: *7D04*

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

I think there is a great opportunity for education and community partnership around the Opportunity Zones. I would like to see the District Government provide education and technical assistance to encourage the full utilization of the legislation, through the Department of Small and Local Business Development. Further I would like to facilitate partnerships between established development companies and Community Development Corporations (CDC or CDO) and Certified Business Entities (CBE) in addition to other small business. These partnerships would have to incentivize quantifiable growth in capacities for the CDC, CBE, and/or small business in order to be mutually beneficial. I would also like to help facilitate more community-based investment in the Opportunity Funds themselves and need to do further research into the regulatory requirements. The biggest threat in my area would be 1) utilization of the tax credit for quick and dirty affordable housing financing that concentrates poverty 2) plans that actually dilute the intention of mixed use development principles by only providing housing without other commercial usage spaces 3) results in low to moderate quality architecture that does not augment or at least maintain the existing community aesthetic.

What will you do to ensure that development and PUD processes are equitable and inclusive?

Since 2014 my neighbors and I have engaged in an ongoing negotiations process with development corporation and, soon to be, community-partner. We have worked hard to ensure that the Planned Unit Development was inclusive of structural integrity monitoring, community recreation space, and fiscal support for River Terrace Community. We have now moved into, post-PUD, full settlement negotiations that create further win/wins for both the community and development organization.

This year the controversial Kingman Park Historic District was approved. What is your stance on the issue? If presented with a controversial divide in your district, how will you approach the situation? How will you work to ensure that all perspectives are heard?

I have spoken with directly impacted stakeholders of the overall Kingman Park Community who have taken opposing and supporting positions; in addition to attending meetings of both community organizations. Officially recognizing the unique and wonderful history of the Kingman Park is something that residents on all sides have entertained at one time or another. I am in support. Community divisions are and will be present in every community. There will always be various viewpoints and backgrounds that lead to differences of opinion among neighbors. The best way I've found to address this issue is by engaging and informing the whole

community, listening intensely to their concerns. What matters most is our collective commitment to our homes and neighborhoods. Leadership must guide residents to a collectively shared vision, that benefits everyone as much as possible, whether they support you or otherwise.

What is your vision for the future of the RFK Stadium site?

I like the general direction of the Events DC proposal for the site. River Terrace Community would definitely like to see pedestrian bridges include bike lanes that extend our areas growing multi-modal transit foundations. I am excited to see the farmers market included in the design plan as well as all of the indoor and outdoor recreational space. I am hopeful that the site will serve as an economic multiplier overall, employing qualified residents and contracting local Community Development Corporations and Certified Business Entities as well as creating opportunities for small local business.

What are your hopes and/or concerns regarding the redevelopment of the Deanwood Metro station area?

The Deanwood Metro Station could be a great opportunity for smart transit-oriented development that provides needed amenities for existing residents. I am hopeful that the community engagement process with Deanwood Citizens Association in addition to ANC 7E and my ANC (7D) proceeds smoothly and allows for deep community involvement, prioritizing stakeholders that are most directly impacted. The opportunity for an additional economic hub in Ward 7 is exciting.

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 live in a geographically isolated community with limited overflow capacities. While multi-modal transit options are a priority, we are already dealing with parking challenges.

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 are quite fortunate to have River Terrace National Park abutting the River Terrace Community and providing plenty of walking and biking routes along the Anacostia Trail. I would definitely like to see the Lorraine Whitlock bridge redeveloped to provide easier access to and from the Parkside Community. Inline with that redevelopment bike lane adjacent to the sidewalks would provide additional safeties for bike riders.

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?

Most of River Terrace's residents are supportive of the Benning/River Terrace Marketplace as well as future developments that increase commercial activity. We would love to see a satellite campus of an existing DC college or university developed here in 7D and many, including myself, have advocated for such since 2012.

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

The closure of the River Terrace Recreation Center prior to the closure of River Terrace Elementary School. I am currently running a petition drive to rebuild the River Terrace Rec as standalone community amenity.

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

I want to reunify our community and get things moving again after years of whisper campaigns and unprepared leadership. As the former President of River Terrace Community Organization, my administration was able to rebuild critical community infrastructures and residents have consistently asked me to run to ensure that the same resident-centric focus is applied to our ANC.

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.

Most times there is a middle ground. River Terrace residents know the difference between leadership that is realistic and leadership that is focused on a personal agenda. While I will make no apologies for putting the interests of my community first, the city is changing and our community must take advantage of the opportunity to grow and adapt.

Name: *Mysiki Valentine*

ANC and Single Member District: *7D04*

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

There needs to be more education around the Opportunity Zones and how communities are selected. The Benning Road corridor will soon become a busy street for development, with a food hall and three retail stores being built in 2019. River Terrace's main corridor currently houses The Chateau Remix, (with the hottest drag brunch in D.C) and the NE. Performing Arts Center. I would like to see more investment in the businesses that contribute to our community like the Chateau. If elected ANC Commissioner, its important to me that all businesses and developers contribute to and engage our community positively. I am concerned that the Opportunity Zones give the initiatives to build and operate but not support or expand existing businesses; black businesses in the neighborhood especially need continuing support. The largest risk is as we see throughout disenfranchised areas in the district, that these zones benefit businesses but not the people. While it's possible to get a great developer who wants to build for the needs of the community, it's clearly not a requirement for those who wish to take advantage of the zones.

What will you do to ensure that development and PUD processes are equitable and inclusive?

As an ANC Commissioner, I will work with other Commissioners to pass a city-wide resolution: (1) define (great weight) into a numerical form; ie 40% of the decision making. The city does a great job at attracting development with subsidies and to balance the process; when applicable, the community should drive the focus of development that impacts their day-to-day living. I've seen leaders and stakeholders advocate for amenities that will strengthen their neighborhoods and are too often ignored. (2) Transparency is important to everyone and I'm committed to being open and honest with residents. If elected I will start creating newer avenues for people to engage with the process. Every year hosting a PUD Process Development discussion so all residents have the opportunity to understand how it works. Incorporating new techniques for residents to engage, online voting, video testimonies, audio recording all PUD sessions and integrating an open file communication system (ie; Google Drive)

This year the controversial Kingman Park Historic District was approved. What is your stance on the issue? If presented with a controversial divide in your district, how will you approach the situation? How will you work to ensure that all perspectives are heard?

As anyone should be I am excited to celebrate in the historic decision to preserve the legacy of Kingman Park. The controversy was not unfamiliar to witness as a native Washingtonian. With the neighborhood changing demographically, economically and visually I understand why

preserving the history of the community was important. From my front row view, the divide was created and never addressed. Instead, it was met with more opposition, different tactics of attack and sadly when the decision passed, there was very little celebration. Many of the residents were able to get their concerns about height limits and restrictions addressed, but this came after the decision was already made. The ANC Commissioner should be the glue that brings together factions. With two community organizations, it would have been pivotal for me as the Commissioner to attend both group's meetings, openly and transparently share information from both meetings and work to bring the groups together.

What is your vision for the future of the RFK Stadium site?

At this moment, I do not have concrete visions for the site. I do believe the stadium has served its purpose in the District and the traffic conditions in the area are frightening for cyclist and residents. The stadium should be collapsed safely, not to disturb the wildlife and Anacostia River. It would be a great canvass for the mayor and council to look at the needs of the area and place amenities that will benefit the entire District. It would be great for D.C to build their first shopping mall. Something mirroring Pentagon City, that includes grocery shopping, housing, medical facilitates and working space. Finally, I'd like to see other pathways created for River Terrace residents to interact with the site. A of now there is only Benning Road (a highway of speeding and massive traffic) and the East Capitol Bridge (a literal highway with a small unsafe pedestrian path).

What are your hopes and/or concerns regarding the redevelopment of the Deanwood Metro station area?

The idea (turning the parking lot into a housing/retail hub; like Rhode Island Ave) is fantastic and definitely needed. The Deanwood community and Citizens Association are strong in advocacy. President Bess and ANC Chair Antawan Holmes work hard to advocate for equitable development. Like most native Ward 7 residents, I want to make sure that any housing built on the lot is diverse and affordable for Deanwood. Following the housing demographic in the area, it would be great to see affordable home-ownership options (possibly 40-70% AMI) It is my hopes that WMATA does their due diligence in engaging the community consistently as they go through the process. Also, I would hope WMATA also develops and attracts development specific to the needs of the Deanwood community as a whole. Finally, a clear plan for construction, working partnership with the ANC and an in-depth traffic study and improvement plan for the increase of population to the station.

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.

River Terrace is a unique neighborhood with mostly small roads. These roads at times will not accommodate two vehicles. Being a planned cul-de-sac, our bus route has easy access to all neighbors and takes residents to the nearest train station. Removing on-street parking from a

community like River Terrace would be detrimental to the operations of my neighbors day to day living. It is not likely I would advocate removing on-street parking. My approach would be to introduce the facts to the community, bring in representatives from DDOT to map out alternative plans, consent to a vote, advocate for the decision of the community.

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?

For months, I've been trying to coordinate a targeted effort to secure Benning Road. The River Terrace community needs immediate mediation to Benning Road, especially 34th and 36th street. Drivers are making wide illegal U-turns in a crosswalk that spans 8 lanes. Many residents have already been hit at this intersection including my mother. Understanding once construction of the Streetcar starts on Benning Road the corridor will be mediated, a protected bicycle lane in the middle of the intersection would be great to see. Much like downtown in front of the John Wilson building. There is no signage about using the two right lanes to enter 295 while heading eastbound on Benning Road. It would also be great to see more signage around the River Terrace Education Campus as well. The campus itself is historic and the only of its kind throughout the city. The campus sits on Anacostia Ave which also shares the River Terrace Park. Because the street is wide, many times residents complain about cars using it as a "speed track" The exit to River Terrace from 295 currently has a 4-way stop. Many drivers speed off the exit and do not halt at the stop signs. Residents in the Community Association have also been advocating for mediation on the Kenilworth Ave corridor in River Terrace. Finally, there are 3 alleys in River Terrace that need mediation and I have submitted them to DDOT for Alley Palooza 8.

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've talked with a few other ANC Commissioners about getting together to help redefine how AMI is calculated. Making it more specific to the Ward and community. Thusly, being able to target housing projects that match and strengthen the housing market in small communities. River Terrace residents including myself have recently decided to contribute the housing needs by pushing for affordable ownership options with Neighborhood Development Company (NDC). Many residents understand how owning property gives residents a way to build wealth while also creating a solid and more permanent residency for low-income families.

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

There is a group of people in the community who have an interest in starting a River Terrace Community Development Organization. This idea is not new and was suggested many years ago in the community, but with the current housing market and increasing house flipping in 20019, it seems some believe this is the direction our community should take. The group has plans to

work with a developer to get start-up money to start this business. I am cautious of one-pipe dreams that involve business deals to secure the progress of my community. It seems like a gamble to the lives of many people in the community and should be fully vetted through the entire community before any deals are made. Finally, my campaign is running on transparency. The lack of information that is shared with residents in River Terrace is of great concern. Many residents believe the lack of community in our neighborhood is a direct result to hide important information about the dealing of this CDO from neighbors who will be greatly affected by decisions made by community leaders, the ANC, the Council, and developers.

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

Many of my neighbors have noted, I have the ability to connect with people of different ages and backgrounds. Having grown up in the neighborhood and graduated from the previous River Terrace Elementary school many of the role models and experiences in the community have had a hand in shaping me today. My vision for River Terrace includes many more activities, involvement visions, and victories. I would like River Terrace to have many more community events, scholarship give-aways for River Terrace children, resource workshops and job fairs. As River Terrace's representative, I will always prioritize the health and safety of our community. Most importantly, my community knows I invest our collective visions more than my individual own. I stand on principles such as selflessness and transparency and my community knows I am always ready to roll up my sleeves to get the work done. Being a community of activism and closeness, I am the candidate that evolves with generations and had the ability to galvanize and mobilize new and seasoned residents to a cause. Beyond that, I have the ability to put more focus on River Terrace with my high energy, youthful spirit, and my future-forward thinking.

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's great to hear from others about their different perspectives. However; an ANC Commissioner has to stand firm in what best for both the community and the city. Ensuring my neighbors are heard and know of their options to advocate and educate while standing firm in the best position is how I lead. The Streetcar is a prime example. Many find the Streetcar to be slow, oddly placed between Union Station and Kingman Park with negative effects on traffic patterns and a safety loop-hole dangerous for many cyclists. Understanding its larger positive effect, the Streetcar moves the city closer to cleaner energy and creates more inexpensive pathways to access other parts of the city and like in other cities will soon develop economic growth into Ward 7. With these facts, standing firm in my position to support and advocate for the expansion of the Streetcar has converted many disbelievers. It is the ANC Commissioners role to think beyond the narrow concepts, synthesis complex information and convey that message to the community as to how it will benefit everyone.

Name: *Racquel Codling*

ANC and Single Member District: *7F04*

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

I need to learn more about Opportunity Zones before I can comment on the opportunities and threats. Although it will provide tax benefits to investors, and may potentially spur economic development within the community, my immediate concern is how it will impact current residents and businesses – are there any measured benefits? How will current regulations impact Opportunity Zones? What’s the oversight?

What are your hopes and/or concerns with regard to extending the DC Streetcar down to the Benning Road Metro station?

My primary concern for extending the DC Streetcar down to the Benning Road Metro is that it may cause increased traffic and additional congestion down the existing corridor; this is a great concern for current residents. If any, I would like to know the plans to expand and improve the current roads and sidewalks, and what additional improvements would be needed to accommodate the DC Streetcar. My hope is that it would bridge Ward 7 residential neighborhoods in Northeast DC to the revitalized H St NE and downtown DC.

What will you do as commissioner to address crime and public safety concerns in your community? What is your opinion of the NEAR Act, and how will you engage with it as a commissioner?

It's critically important to engage the community in combating crime and addressing public safety concerns. As commissioner, I would partner with police and community leaders in identifying and policing high-risk crime areas, neighborhoods and offenders – the policing has to be consistent and continuous. In regards to the NEAR Act, there are some components that I support – specifically providing training for MPD officers on community policing, bias-free policing, and cultural competency; and trauma centers and their trained clinicians providing immediate care services and support to victims and their immediately family.

How will you use your platform on the ANC to support economic growth and investment in downtown Ward 7?

In order to spur economic growth and investment, it’s important to identify the needs of the community to determine what businesses would be viable and sustainable in downtown Ward 7. I support small businesses, job creation and training programs, education, the arts, and initiatives supporting maintaining rental costs and affordable housing.

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 like to explore all options before considering removing on-street parking as I know it would personally impact my community. First, I would engage the community and residents in this discussion, along with agency and government officials. I would also like to review the studies were the outcomes were and weren't successful, and learn about the potential pitfalls.

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?

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 are facing an affordability crisis, especially in the District. I will work with city and government leaders and nonprofits to improve government subsidies and policies supporting regulated rental costs and affordable housing initiatives.

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

Trash, litter and illegal dumping is a big issue in my neighborhood. I've personally and physically cleaned up my street and other areas, and engage other residents in the clean-up. It's important to have and maintain a clean neighborhood. I would continue to work with local agencies in keeping our neighborhood clean. Maybe work with DC government to identify a group that could adopt our street/neighborhood to support and sustain our cleaning efforts.

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

I love my neighborhood - I've lived here for over 12 years and have a strong connection to the community. Although the residents of my district feel voiceless, they deeply care about their community and want to see improvements. I strongly feel that I can be their voice and support regarding important issues that matter to them.

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.

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

The greatest opportunity is that it can create better jobs and better pay for residents of Ward 7. The downfall will be if the citizens of Ward 7 won't be able to utilize many of the opportunities because of their backgrounds, lack of resources to enhance shortfalls and limited capabilities because of situations not purposely caused by them, prior incarceration, possible addictions, etc. The resources for education and training opportunities were limited in the past and many residents aren't able to easily fill the openings. For the 2017 Tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which are slated to encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods, the greatest opportunities and greatest risk I see are These tracts demonstrate both very desperate need for investment that should create commercial and retail activity and jobs as I mentioned above, but with the and noticeable investment opportunities, such as real estate projects and commercial corridors, ideally Ward 7 residents need a large fill of employment opportunities. Studies show the average unemployment rate is 22.2%, compared to 18.7% for all eligible tracts and 17.4% for non-selected tracts. Taking in consideration the average percentage of population that is below the poverty line is a whopping 32.2%, this compared to 27.6% for all eligible tracts and 26.0% for non-selected tracts, 72.0% are located in Wards 7 or 8, compared to 49.5% of all eligible tracts and 42% of non-selected tract. A significant average commercial density is 20.2%, compared to 16.3% of all eligible tracts and 15.0% of non-selected tracts.

6. What is your vision for the future of the Fletcher Johnson site?

Fletcher Johnson HD Woodson high school building has been vacant for years. It is prime property and real estate for a number of projects to include a homeless shelter for people to include but not limited to providing psychiatric needs and addresses the health care concerns for people fighting illness, enhancing education and training. Short term housing for homeless is an ideal suggestion. This location can house a multitude of different programs at once to include those mentioned and other growing proficient programs to allow for the residents in the Ward to grow, learn, achieve and feel safe, encompass a retail area for introducing fresh fruits, vegetables, and eating habits, almost in comparison to a farmers market.

7. What are your hopes and/or concerns about the short term family housing center located in ANC 7E?

My hope and concerns about the short term family housing center located in ANC 7E is that this will ultimately be a success. The growth, development, successful monitoring and guidance of individuals is always a success. When a test period for newly implemented procedures occurs, there has to be a small statistical result allowed for any updates, changes or revisions, thus far the program seems to be thriving and success is imminent. This is why we need more of short term family housing center in my Ward and I suggest a portion of this be directly sourced to Fletcher Johnson site. It is suggested plans are in the work for homeless shelter to open in Ward 7.

8. As Commissioner, what will you do to advocate for investment in public facilities such as Capital View Library and Benning Park Rec Center?

As Commissioner, I will advocate for investment in public facilities such as Capital View Library, Benning Park Recreation Center and any other project because it will grow our community to input care into where we live and love about neighborhood. Everyone wants a neighborhood that other want to mock in terms of desires of what's going on good there and immolate the same for their community. So often SE and Ward 7 has been scrutinized, feared, and traumatize. It is now time to show the residents and others, the past is the past a new beginning has arrived. We promote excellence, a safe environment, and birth, grow and are healed. There needs to be an up to date Recreation center for children who often are without something of substance to do after school and during summer vacation break. Benning Recreation Center is lacking resources to establish adequate use for residents. The lighting fixtures need to be fixed for surrounding area and safety. Safety rumble strips and or speed humps with flashing 15 MPH speed sign on the street adjacent to the entrance of the Recreation center need to be implemented. Cars and traffic are in high volume and there isn't any safety measures in place to prevent accidents at that exact, precise corridor. There is a big bush tree sitting at an angle for blind spot entering and exiting the driveway. The tree needs to be trimmed back. Showers and toilets need to be fixed. The gym needs repair and up to date enhancement. Buses and transportation need to be assigned for this specific location to allow for summer camp and assigned trips for children and others to occur. AC and heating system needs to be addressed to make sure everything is working accurately. The Center also needs an allocation in the DPR budget to allow for programs for seniors to include but not limited to exercise classes, swimming classes, crochet classes, piano, reading (book club), dance class, bingo, etc. You teach a child and open the door to possibilities, there is no stopping the potential and success that lies ahead for that youth. The seniors would like a common ground for activities to still be near home but out of harm's way. Our seniors are what grow our community; we need to take care of them. Those are just a few suggestions that are so desperately requested. . We love our community and neighbors

9. 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.

. Because it required removing on-street parking, I would ask the residents to allow a common area parking lot or parking garage with multiple levels to be built, primarily using open, abandoned area and lots that aren't being utilized presently. We have a few vacant large lot areas in the Ward not being utilized or invested in. Each year the area is up for tax auction and not purchased. If the City could provide money allocation for this project, it would be an investment for the community. I would also suggest with helping those who have their own driveways be able to utilize them sufficiently, the help of the Department of Transportation to update and or cut and lay workable driveways for residents would be a tremendous help for those in need especially elderly and very long time residents who are not able to do this project on their own.

10. 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 community can establish more of bike lanes for the volume of residents. An ideal place for implementation would be the East Capitol Street corridor, Benning Road Corridor, and Minnesota Avenue Corridor. The high volume of traffic that merges from the incoming and ongoing traffic is at a constant high volume level.

Sidewalk and street repair to smooth pave and fill in pot holes repair is needed throughout the neighbor to include 4700 – 4800 block of C Street SE block is in desperate need of street smoothing and pot hole repairs.

Primarily we are in desperate need for speed humps, traffic camera, road strips on the 4700 through 4800 block of C Street SE. The volume, excessive speed, and disregard for pedestrians from vehicles occurring on a non-stop, all day basis is not only hazardous, problematic, but unimaginable. There is JC Nalle school children coming thru all day and it's a challenge to say the least as well as a safety hazard for these children and other pedestrians. There is presently a 15 MPH flashing sign but that doesn't deter the excessive speed and high volume of traffic. I know the speed humps and strips and speed camera would make a difference.

To implement my top Vision Zero priorities for our community I would ask for an all-hands-on-deck implement the neighborhood transportation safety. Everyone matters and every opinion counts. It takes a village to make sure we are all safe. I've already successfully implemented safety traffic personnel be held accountable for the coming and going of the children and pedestrians who travel during peak hours of school and rush hour while they cross the 49th street SE and East Capitol corridor SE. I would also implement more safety techs to enforce safety at the 4800 C Street SE crossing onto Texas Ave SE corridor during the same peak hours for those children who attend JC Nalle and the pedestrians who also travel throughout. Before the established completion date of estimation year 2024 for the Vision Zero project, I hope to have my community in Ward 7 to not have a single fatality or serious injury to pedestrians and travelers of our transportation system because of our effective and effective use of guidelines, safety implementation, data research, education, enforcement, and proper engineering

11. 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 dedication as the sitting ANC would play a key role in addressing housing affordability challenges because I see the residents and I hear their needs, desires and often discouragement. I will make sure everyone has their concerns addressed and stand up for their rights as residents, home owners, renters, etc. Presently this Ward has seen an influx of suitable home openings for homeless residents to include but not limited to the Conway now open near Benning Road subway station. Research has suggested there seems to be affordable housing presently located in my Ward and I will do my best to keep the housing affordable with presenting suitability needs and address concerns for the community, many of which are working class individuals, retired individuals, people who have relocated, fixed income individuals, etc. It is mandatory for affordable housing to continue in my Ward. To include proper care, clean up and surveillance of for safety there of residents Benning Road Housing Co-Op on Benning Road.

12. 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 not already listed on the questionnaire is the high volume of substance abuse and alcoholism within the Ward. It is desperately needed for a treatment plan and center to accommodate the excessive volume of individuals seen on a daily basis nodding and sitting on abandoned steps and houses and the debris and garbage and filth these individuals are laying in and sleeping throughout the day and night. With marijuana in the law now, it's difficult to alleviate the drug and substance use throughout the Ward. You have individuals driving while under the influence and a wide variety of situations occurring because of this. You have individuals using K-2 and other substances and there is a need to alleviate this overwhelming plague altogether. I would also encourage sexual education, education on substances, alcoholism, etc.

13. 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 SMD because I will go above and beyond the call of duty to make my neighborhood thrive and implement and promote safety, care, concern and togetherness. I live in the community and I sincerely care about what happens in my community. I pick up trash off the streets with my hands. My neighbors know me and my family as the man who is always feeding the hungry and homeless without asking to be noticed. I constantly ask the city for assistance to improve street conditions, clean up vacant lots, address homeowner concerns pertaining to violence, lack of accessible street cleaning and snow removal for elderly. If something needs to be fixed or improved, I'm making calls and asking for assistance and resolution. I ask for street repair, speed cameras, safety implemented for the children and pedestrians crossing throughout the neighborhood. I want better four neighborhood and the youth and elderly to be safe and have a nice, beautiful community to live in.

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14. 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.

... The advocate I am for this position embodies the vision for the entire city-wide interest in all areas of the problematic areas of concern across the District of Columbia. I will lead by example as I have already started prior to my journey as a candidate I was making calls and seeking assistance when needed for the community. Clean streets should be on-going. Violence should cease. Children and the community should be safe. We should all live in an environment promoting safety, healthy, and security for a common clear and progressive vision.

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(received in format below)

For reference:

- Question #31 = **The 2017 tax bill created Opportunity Zones, which will encourage private investment in selected neighborhoods. For the zones in your area, what are the greatest opportunities and greatest risks that you see?**
- Question #32 = **What will you do to ensure that development and PUD processes are equitable and inclusive?**
- Question #33 = **This year the controversial Kingman Park Historic District was approved. What is your stance on the issue? If presented with a controversial divide in your district, how will you approach the situation? How will you work to ensure that all perspectives are heard?**
- Question #34 = **What is your vision for the future of the RFK Stadium site?**
- Question #35 = **What are your hopes and/or concerns regarding the redevelopment of the Deanwood Metro station area?**
- Question #165 = **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.**
- Question #166 = **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?**
- Question #167 = **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?**
- Question #168 = **What is the biggest controversy in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**
- Question #169 = **Why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD? What's your vision for your ANC in 2 years?**
- Question #170 = **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.**

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32. ANCs (collaborating with citizens associations) should provide area residents with early notification of developer applications and schedules, and should testify at hearings in support of residents' positions and Comprehensive Plan limitations.

33. I favored creation of the historic district, as did most of the residents living within it. In general I favor adoption of measures that increase the degree to which residents can control the physical environment in which they live, with minority positions protected. For example, streetcar extension eastward on Benning Road is desirable, probably terminating at the East River shopping center (Minnesota Avenue), if possible with an underground terminal. But it should not extend farther along Benning Road, because that would necessitate widening Benning Road, with much deprivation of residential property.

34. Any development for use by commercial sports teams should be paid for by the teams, not by taxpayers.

35. This area (currently parking lots) is the ideal location for placement of the badly needed grocery supermarket (e.g., Giant, Shoppers, Harris Teeter, etc.) (NOT Safeway!). The property should be transferred from WMATA to the DC government, which should offer a favorable attractively priced long-term lease to the grocery operator. This is NOT a suitable location for residential development, because of the 24-hour operation of the CSX Railroad, which DC apparently has no legal capacity to control. (Day and night: loud noise, vibration, soot and coal dust from the uncovered gondolas.)

165. I would agree to the removal of on-street parking only (1) if it is going mostly unused or (2) to the extent that on-street parking is available on nearby parallel streets or cross-streets

166. All streets should have sidewalks on at least one side of the street. Sidewalks that have been upturned by treeroots (or been otherwise made difficult to negotiate) should be repaired (by bridging, etc.)

167. We should lobby the City Council to abolish the current regressive definition of "affordable", and reface it with a defined ratio of rental rate to income. Multi-unit landlords should be given a fixed time limit to conform to the new standard, perhaps with the aid of a municipal subsidy.

168. The MPD Gun Recovery Unit is (locally) the subject of intense controversy. It is often accused of violent or abusive behavior. I don't yet know enough to have a position about it.

169. I have for many years been an activist on local government issues, especially transportation and the environment. (I have served on the DC Environmental Planning Commission, and two terms on ANC 3-C.) (I am currently chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Deanwood Citizens Association, and a member of ANC 7D's Transportation Committee. I have frequently testified at the City Council and at WMATA hearings. I am also a

long-time member of the DC Consumer Utility Board, which is currently working to bring the spiraling water rates under control. In two years I intend that my ANC will be lobbying for (1) major improvements in the physical condition of roads and sidewalks and (2) Metrorail to operate 24-7, which would be a huge boost for our thousands of shift workers.

170. I will not let any personal interest influence my position on any public issue. Examples; (1) Although I am fortunate enough to own my own house outright, I advocate that the City should be using tax dollars to alleviate the plight of renters, many of whom are being forced out of the City. (2) I do not own or ride a bicycle, but I do favor further development of bicycle lanes.

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