



Congresswoman

Eleanor Holmes Norton

Norton Scores Victories for D.C. Despite Most Unproductive, Conservative Congress in Memory

Norton Defeats Unprecedented Attacks on Home Rule and on City's Women

- ▼ Post-20-week D.C. abortion ban bill defeated. **See pg 3**
- ▼ Stops 3 attacks on D.C. gun laws. **See pg 3**

Norton's D.C. Statehood Bill Introduced in Senate –See pg 2



Norton got 3 new laws requiring respect for the D.C. flag at military ceremonies, the first D.C. statue in the U.S. Capitol, and preservation of the D.C. War Memorial for D.C. veterans only – see pg 3

Norton's D.C. Economic Development Projects Cushion Impact of Federal Spending Cuts
— See pg 2

Annual Norton Tax and Financial Services Fair

FOR D.C. RESIDENTS ONLY!

**Saturday, February 9, 2013
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

FREE!

PLEASE NOTE: This services is for D.C. residents whose earnings come from wages or salaries and file basic returns.

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mount Vernon Place
(Between 7th and 9th Streets NW, L Street Entrance)

**Come only if you file forms:
1040,1040A, 1040EZ, D-40 or D-40EZ**

First come, first served
Budget cuts limit the number who can be served this year. Referrals to neighborhood VITA sites provided.
Taxes prepared by IRS-certified experts

- Financial Services Offered**
- ✓ FAFSA Form Help
 - ✓ Housing & Mortgage Counseling
 - ✓ Credit Counseling
 - ✓ DCTAG & Other Grants
 - ✓ DC College Savings Plan
 - ✓ Identity Theft Prevention
 - ✓ Low-Cost Credit Union Banking & Loans

What You Need to Bring...

- ★ Photo ID
- ★ W-2
- ★ Forms 1098 & 1099
- ★ Itemized deductions
- ★ 2011 tax return
- ★ Blank check for direct deposit
- ★ Social Security card for you, your spouse and any dependents
- ★ Homebuyers must bring settlement statement

And May Qualify For...

- ★ Earned Income Tax Credit
- ★ Child & Dependent Care Tax Credits
- ★ Education Tax Credit, and many more

TRANSPORTATION: D.C. Circulator; Metrobus 66, 70, 71, 79, 80, 96, G2, G8, P6, X2; Green & Yellow Lines, Mt. Vernon Square/7th Street Convention Center; Red Line, Gallery Place/Chinatown; Parking Meters & Private Lots

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Norton Economic Projects Shoring Up D.C. Economy

Norton Wants Coast Guard to Hire D.C. Residents as First Federal Agency East of the Anacostia Opens This Year

- ▼ D.C. residents averaged 22% of Coast Guard HQ construction workers, even though D.C. is only 10% of the region's population and despite federal law barring local hiring preferences.
- ▼ Norton planning Coast Guard agency job fair for D.C. residents.
- ▼ Other Department of Homeland Security buildings also on tap to come to the Ward 8 site.

Norton Aggressive Monitoring, Unannounced Visits and Hearings also Keep D.C. Residents Working at Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture and a Dozen other Federal Construction Sites in D.C.



Norton with D.C. workers on one of her unannounced visits to federal construction projects here to monitor employment of D.C. residents.

Norton Helped Write New Surface Transportation Law as Member of Conference Committee

- ▼ Funds work on D.C. roads, bridges, and mass transit for two years.
- ▼ Ensures completion of first phase of 11th Street Bridge in 2013 and total completion in 2015.

Norton Sees Unmet Parks Potential Hosts National Park Service Parks Town Hall Meetings



Safety First

- ▼ Fort Totten. To cope with a nighttime crime spree on an NPS-owned path connecting Metro and a Fort Totten community, Norton got temporary lights installed as NPS works on permanent solution.
- ▼ National Mall. Norton has walked on the Mall since 2006 muggings to assess lighting and police presence, helping to ensure safety.

Norton & Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie view new temporary lighting at path near Fort Totten Metro

Adapting NPS Parks to Our Neighborhoods

- ▼ Norton working on playground equipment for NPS parks with limited places for kids to play.
- ▼ Introduces bill suggested by Glover Park community to name NPS nature trail after *Silent Spring* author Rachel Carson, who observed birds in Glover Park and did much of her scientific work as a federal employee.
- ▼ Norton helped get funding and cut the ribbon for Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens segment, the last section of the Anacostia Riverwalk Trail, 60 miles of pedestrian and bike trails connecting most major destinations along the waterfront.

Norton Works With NPS and WMATA to Bring the National Mall Alive with Music and Dance

- ▼ Lunchtime Music on the Mall ready for second season in the spring.
 - Amateur musicians bring music variety during warm months to enliven the Mall
 - Encourages residents and office workers to enjoy the Mall during daytime hours
- ▼ 4th annual National Dance Day on the Mall coming in July.
 - Features D.C. area groups. Watch our website for information on coming auditions
 - Promotes dance as a form of exercise

Preserving Home Rule Not Enough – Norton Expands It

No Shutdowns for D.C. Government!

- ▼ Norton's permanent shutdown-avoidance bill in 2013 appropriations bill, allowing D.C. to stay open if federal government shuts down.
- ▼ Costly, time-consuming preparations and uncertainty eliminated.

Norton Leads Defeat of Radical Bill Denying Reproductive Choice Only to D.C. Women

Norton leads House Democrats and pro-choice community in defeating a bill banning abortions only in the District after 20 weeks of pregnancy

- ▼ Norton nationalized fight by revealing true purpose of bill – overturning *Roe v. Wade* for U.S. women.
- ▼ Bill was the top legislative priority of the National Right to Life Committee.

Drives Back New Attacks on D.C.'s Gun Laws

- ▼ Defeated amendment allowing holders of out-of-state concealed weapon permits to carry guns in D.C.
- ▼ Non-enforceable resolution exempting active military from D.C. gun laws could have reopened attacks on city's gun laws.
- ▼ No bill to eliminate D.C.'s gun safety laws, despite 174 cosponsors.

Preserves D.C. Laws from Anti-Home-Rule Riders

- ▼ D.C. Needle Exchange Program
- ▼ Marriage Equality
- ▼ Medical Marijuana

Military to Fly D.C. Flag Along With Flags of 50 States

Military to Fly D.C. Flag Along with State Flags



Norton with Tomi Rucker, who wrote Norton after the D.C. flag was not displayed at her son, Seaman Jonathan Rucker's, boot camp graduation ceremony, when state flags were flown for other graduates. This D.C. mother inspired Norton's successful fight to require the military to always display the D.C. flag along with state flags.

Norton Bill for First Statue to Represent D.C. with State Statues in U.S. Capitol Passed

D.C. War Memorial for D.C. Veterans Only After Norton Defeats Bill to Nationalize Memorial

President Signs Two Norton Hatch Act Bills and Her Special Elections Bill Expands Home Rule

D.C. Hatch Act Reform

- ▼ D.C. employees no longer treated like federal employees.
- ▼ D.C. employees now subject to local Hatch Act, like state employees.

Hatch Act National Capital Region Parity Act

- ▼ Federal employees who live in D.C. may run in partisan local elections as independents.
- ▼ Maryland and Virginia federal employees have had this right since the 1940s.

D.C., Not Congress, to Set Special Elections Gives D.C. flexibility for scheduling special elections

- ▼ Reduces minimum time after a vacancy when an election can be held from 114 to 70 days
- ▼ Makes it easier to schedule special elections on the same day as a general election, saving the city money



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Carper Replaces Lieberman as Chair of Senate Committee with D.C. Jurisdiction

- ▼ Sen. Joseph Lieberman, who retired, was an outspoken champion for the District throughout his four terms.
- ▼ Sen. Thomas Carper, a former Delaware governor, also served as the only member of the House from his state, giving him useful experience with a small jurisdiction like the District.

D.C. Statehood Bill Drew First Four Senate Sponsors in Lame-Duck Session

- ▼ Senators Lieberman, Durbin, Murray, and Boxer.
- ▼ Gives Norton a head start for progress in 2013.

Norton Pick, Ketanji Brown Jackson, 2nd Black Woman for U.S. District Court Here, Nominated by President

- ▼ Senate has confirmed all 5 Obama judges recommended by Norton.
- ▼ D.C. citizens panel helps Norton use senatorial courtesy to find and screen talented D.C. lawyers.

Norton and Unity Health Care Team Up to Offer Blood Pressure and Other Screenings in Neighborhoods at Weekly Norton “Government to Go”

- ▼ “Government to Go” brings caseworkers and information on federal benefits and programs to residents who may not get to one of our 3 offices.
- ▼ Look for “Government to Go” at supermarkets, libraries, community centers, senior centers, unemployment offices, street fairs... wherever residents visit regularly!



Norton welcomes community to a hearing held by her Commission on Black Men and Boys on synthetic marijuana (K2). The D.C. Council later passed a law banning this drug which has LSD-like effects.

Norton Forces Vote on First Day of the New Congress after Denial of D.C.’s First and Only Vote on the House Floor

“What is more painful and arbitrary than not having the final vote, what is more painful and arbitrary than not having even the vote in the Committee of the Whole, is having a vote that you have exercised withdrawn, as this vote was today. In three congresses we exercised our vote in the Committee of the Whole. No vote should be dependent on which party is in power...You cannot take away our citizenship. In this country you should never be able to take away a vote once it has been granted.”

– Excerpt from Congresswoman Norton’s floor remarks after she was denied the Committee of the Whole vote in the first vote on House Rules for the 113th Congress

**ANC Commissioners and Neighborhood Community Associations – have you sponsored a Norton in Your Neighborhood community conversation?
Call Norton’s District office for more information at (202) 783-5065.**