



Congresswoman

Eleanor Holmes Norton

Norton's Full Plate **Jobs, Economy, Full Democracy for D.C.**

The Stars are Aligned for D.C. Voting Rights



Congresswoman Norton at an appearance with then Senator, now President, Barack Obama, discussing D.C. voting rights and national affairs.

D.C. Has the Votes to Get the Vote!

Norton, Senate Chair Joe Lieberman (I-CT) and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) re-introduced the voting rights bill on "day one" of the 111th Congress. As a Senator, President Obama co-sponsored our bill.

House: An even bigger majority expected than last session's successful vote.

Senate: As many as 64 votes likely, more than the 60 needed.

Next Big Goal

Full Self-Government Powers

Transferred from Congress to D.C.

See Free and Equal D.C. Series, page 2.

Congresswoman Norton Announces Her 9th Annual Tax Fair

**IRS-Certified
Experts Will
Prepare Your D.C.
and Federal Tax
Forms!!!**

Saturday, February 14, 2009

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Walter E. Washington Convention Center

801 Mt. Vernon Place NW

(BETWEEN 7TH & 9TH ST. NW/L ST ENTRANCE)

Washington, D.C.

What You May Need to Bring . . .

- * Photo ID
- * W-2's
- * Forms 1098 & 1099
- * Itemized deductions
- * Social Security card for you, your spouse, AND any dependents
- * Verification of your 2008 Economic Stimulus Rebate amount
- * 2007 tax returns
- * A blank check for direct deposit

And May Qualify for . . .

- * First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit
- * Earned Income Tax Credit
- * Child & Dependent Care Tax Credits
- * Education Tax Credit



Jackie Pelt is one of the tax experts who will be available to assist residents at the tax fair.

This service is for residents who file basic returns.

Area credit unions will be present to discuss their services during the Tax Fair!

METRO: Mt. Vernon Square/7th St./Convention Center/Red Line ■ **BUSES:** 70, 71, 66, G8, P6 ■ **PARKING:** Private Lots & Street Meters

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Norton's Victories Fostered High Rankings in 110th Congress

VICTORIES

Free and Equal D.C. Series Progress

Voting Rights Act Passed House, Fell Three Votes Short in Senate—See page 1

Committee of the Whole Vote Restored—See circle below

Voting Rights Lobbying Ban Removed—Removed the ban on D.C. funds to lobby for congressional voting rights.

Needle Exchange Ban—Removed the ban on D.C. funds for needle exchange, an important step for Norton's priority to end HIV/AIDS in D.C.

Norton Blocked NRA Gun Bill—Collaborated with senators to kill a dangerous, anti-home rule, NRA-inspired gun bill.

Worth More than a Quarter to D.C.—Like the 50 states, D.C.'s own quarter is now in circulation.

Return of the D.C. Postmark—Got the Postal Service to restore the Washington, D.C. postmark, dropped after 9/11.

Bill Honors Native Washingtonian and D.C. Voting Rights—Got a rare Congressional Gold Medal bill enacted, honoring the first black popularly elected senator, Edward W. Brooke. President Obama expected at ceremony.

Jobs, Development and Tourism

First Federal Agency in Ward 8—See page 3

Funds for Eastern Market Repair—See page 3

Old Post Office Rehabilitation—See page 3

Funds and Oversight for Union Station—See page 4

New Capitol Visitor Center—See page 4

Prevented Redlining of Developing Neighborhoods

Prevented Walter Reed Closing

Health Bill Victories

Health Care Professionals to Work in D.C.'s Underserved Areas—In exchange for student loan forgiveness.

Dental Services for HIV/AIDS Act Adopted—Loan forgiveness to increase detection of HIV, often diagnosed early through dental exams.

Environmental Victories

First Comprehensive Anacostia River Cleanup Bill Passed

Clean Diesel for District Vehicles—Got D.C. included in clean diesel bill.

Norton's Two Biggest Transportation Priorities Come in

WMATA—\$1.5 billion for Metro for more equipment, less crowding, greater safety.

Amtrak—D.C.-N.Y. high-speed rail and \$13 billion to improve the Northeast Corridor and worker safety authorized.

No New Slots at National—Stopped new flights at National Airport that would have increased pollution and traffic.

Greater Justice for Residents

D.C. Inmates Got Drug Treatment After First Hearings—Held the first hearings on D.C. inmates since their transfer to the federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). As a result, Norton got D.C. inmates access to drug treatment that reduces recidivism at all BOP facilities.

More Judges—Increased D.C. Superior Court judges from 58 to 61.

Lawyers for Indigent Residents—Ensured lawyers are available for indigent residents with first wage increase in six years for court-appointed attorneys.

Norton Casts **422!**
Votes on the Floor in the
Committee of the Whole.
**Highlight: Voted Yes on economic
stimulus, with more unemployment,
food stamps and Medicaid
benefits.**

GOALS

Setting the Bar High for a Free and Equal D.C.

D.C. Voting Rights. Get the bill to President Obama this year for signing.

Home Rule Act Reform to Free D.C. Revise the 1974 Home Rule Act to transfer all governing power to the Mayor and City Council.

Eliminate All Riders. Remove all remaining riders, including the ban on D.C. funds for abortions for low-income women.

Budget Control from Congress to D.C. for Its Money. Pass the Budget Autonomy Act to give the city control of its own taxpayer funds.

Legislative Autonomy. Pass the Legislative Autonomy Act to end unnecessary congressional holds on all City Council legislation.

Local District Attorney. Establish a local, elected district attorney position.

A Permanent and Reformed U.S. Parole Commission. Make the Parole Commission permanent and reform its counter-productive procedures to respond to local needs.

Local Hatch Act. Free D.C., the only local jurisdiction under the federal Hatch Act, to adopt its own version.

D.C. Statue. Place D.C. statues in the Capitol or the Capitol Visitor Center (CVC), where D.C.'s choice of Frederick Douglass would give the CVC's Emancipation Hall its first African-American statue. See page 4

Reduce Medicaid Costs. Increase federal share of mounting Medicaid costs because D.C. pays a greater portion than any U.S. city.

National Guard Home Rule. Give the mayor the same authority as governors to call-up the National Guard.

Norton, a Major Public Works Subcommittee Chair, Takes a Leading Role in Stimulus Package

2008: Norton Got Head Start on Reviving D.C. Economy

Unique D.C. Tax Credits When Needed!

▲ **\$5,000 Homebuyer Tax Credit.** Renewed in time for home ownership in D.C. to continue during the financial crisis.

▲ **Business Tax Credits.**

Got the small business tax credits as many businesses face financial hardships.

First \$100 Million for Federal Construction in Ward 8

Work began on Department of Homeland Security (DHS) headquarters compound for five agencies on St. Elizabeths West Campus.

Old Post Office Restoration

Norton bill will bring revenue-producing development.

Eastern Market Repair Dollars from Norton's Subcommittee

\$2 million federal grant for 25% of the building's historic renovation costs from the Economic Development Administration, one of her oversight agencies, and an appropriations earmark of \$131,000.

2009: More Help for D.C. Economy Is on the Way

D.C. Candidates for Stimulus Funds

▲ D.C. Public Schools and UDC.

▲ Foreclosure assistance.

▲ Public Safety: forensics lab, evidence warehouse.

▲ Transportation Infrastructure: Eleventh Street and South Capitol bridges, Metro, streetcars, bus replacements and route expansions.

▲ Environmental and Water Infrastructure: replacing the 17th Street levee, fixing the combined sewer overflow, greening buildings and creating green jobs.



Norton concentrated on job creation and job training in the stimulus bill proposed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, shown here with Norton at a discussion of international issues.

Federal Stimulus Candidates that Generate Jobs in D.C.

▲ **Parks.** Repair neighborhood parks owned by the National Park Service.

▲ **D.C. Golf Courses.** Create private-public partnership to improve D.C.'s three golf courses.

▲ **Federal Buildings.** Repair and rehabilitate high concentration of federal buildings, many located in D.C.

▲ **People-friendly Mall.** Create café table settings for lunch. Rehabilitate restrooms and install flush toilets. Develop a program for free jazz, string quartets and similar entertainment during lunch hours.

How D.C. Residents Are Getting Jobs and Small Business Contracts

DHS HEADQUARTERS WILL GENERATE JOBS AND CONSTRUCTION FOR 10 YEARS IN WARD 8

Job Training for D.C. Residents to Get a Foothold in High-Paying Construction Jobs!

Norton amendment to stimulus package requires on-the-job pre-apprentice and apprentice training.

▲ **40% of First Contracts to D.C. Small Businesses.** D.C. small businesses got early DHS work following small business contracting fair held in Ward 8. Small business hearings on the project also held early to ensure that residents reap the benefits.

▲ **Jobs, Pre-Apprentices and Apprentices.** Government Services Administration (GSA) and DHS officials promised pre-apprentice and apprentice training programs at Ward 8 DHS Town Hall Meeting.

▲ **Institutes Annual Disadvantaged Businesses Subcommittee Hearings.** Measuring contracting progress for disadvantaged businesses.

Reviving Subcommittee Oversight with Results

Norton's 34 Hearings Highest in Her Committee

Norton Gets FEMA Under Control

- ▲ FEMA got a passing grade after Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, the agency's first major post-Katrina tests.
- ▲ Passed special Gulf Coast relief legislation.

Greening D.C. Using Large Federal Footprint

- ▲ Mandated energy savings for all federal buildings in first big energy conservation bill in decades.
- ▲ Green roofs coming soon to federal buildings here.

National and D.C. Security Enhanced

- ▲ H.R.1 – Passed 9/11 Commission recommendations critical to homeland security and FEMA that strengthen incident command and to improve coordination with the private sector.
- ▲ Prohibited felon-proxy ownership of security companies at federal sites.

Economic Development Commissions

- ▲ Created five new regional commissions to improve infrastructure and to create jobs in the most economically depressed areas of the U.S.

Norton Gets Big Help for D.C. College Students!

New UDC Funding

- ▲ Annual Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) funding for UDC law school.
- ▲ Access to millions in Farm Bill's rich land-grant provisions.

New Funds for D.C. National Guard

- ▲ \$352,000 for college assistance.

D.C. Tuition Assistance Grants (TAG) Secured for Another Five Years to Keep D.C. Going to College!

✦ **\$10,000 for out-of-state public schools**

✦ **\$2,500 for in-region private schools**

✦ **Doubled college attendance!**

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Norton Boosts D.C. Tourist Economy for Residents too!

Remaking Union Station

- ▲ Got \$2.5 million in first steps to new intermodal facility.
- ▲ Preparing for mixed use development over rail tracks.
- ▲ First hearings in decades to:
 - ✦ *Begin locating intercity buses at Union Station.*
 - ✦ *Retrain security officers to eliminate heavy-handed treatment of visitors, especially photographers.*
 - ✦ *Assure diversity in businesses coming to Union Station.*



Shown here meeting with students, Norton's goal is to have every D.C. student visit the Capitol before graduation from high school.

Don't Miss the Dramatic New Place to Go in D.C.

- ▲ **Call or e-mail us** for the D.C. Residents in the Capitol program. Now includes a tour of the Capitol, the new CVC, and a visit with Norton. Call **202-225-8050** or e-mail us at **dc00.wyr@housemail.house.gov**.
- ▲ Norton's Subcommittee hearings paved the way for the CVC opening on December 2, 2008.
- ▲ Authorized Emancipation Hall, commemorating slaves and free blacks who helped build the Capitol.

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