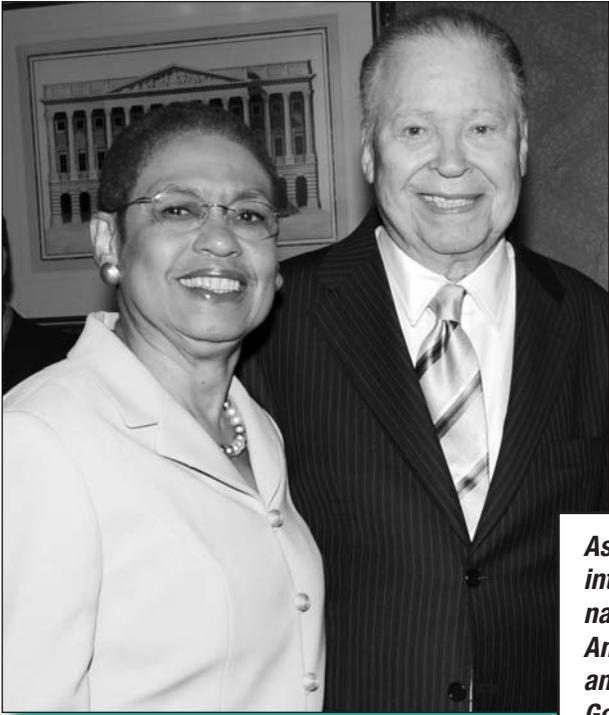




Congresswoman

Eleanor Holmes Norton

Way Paved to Achieve D.C.'s Most Important Rights This Year — See The Big Three, page 2



Voting Rights Update

Norton Close to Floor Vote On D.C. Voting Rights

April 2007—Got voting rights bill passed in the House.

February 2009—Got voting rights bill passed in the Senate, but an anti-home rule gun amendment was attached.

March 2009—Today—Sought, found, and tested approaches to get a bill that will pass in both houses.

As part of her D.C. voting rights efforts, Congresswoman Norton introduced legislation to award the Congressional Gold Medal to D.C. native son Edward Brooke, the first popularly-elected African American Senator (Mass., 1967-1979). She joined President Obama and House and Senate leaders to award Brooke, pictured here, the Gold Medal at a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda.

The Annual Norton Tax Fair

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

Saturday, February 27, 2010

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 Need to Bring . . .

- * Photo ID
- * W-2
- * Forms 1098 & 1099
- * Itemized deductions
- * Social Security card for you, your spouse, AND any dependents
- * Verification of your 2008 Economic Stimulus Rebate amount
- * 2008 tax returns
- * A blank check for direct deposit
- * First-time homebuyers must bring settlement statement

And May Qualify for . . .

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

This service is only for residents who file basic tax returns.

New This Year

- * Free FAFSA assistance
- * Housing counseling services
- * D.C. College Savings Plan program guidance
- * IRS taxpayer advocate service
- * College tuition assistance program guidance

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

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

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2009 Victories — More Equality and Economic Breakthroughs for D.C.

Making D.C. Equal to Other Jurisdictions

▲ **First Senate Passage of D.C. Voting Rights** – Senate passage of D.C. voting rights bill in 2009 was a **historic first**. With 20 months left in the congressional session, Norton used last year to try several strategies to get a clean bill.

▲ **First Clean D.C. Appropriations** – Scored a historic home rule victory with the **first elimination of harmful anti-home rule attachments** to the D.C.

appropriations bill, ending the bans on the use of local D.C. funds for abortions for low-income women and for medical marijuana and preventing re-imposition of the ban on needle exchange programs.

▲ **President Nominates Norton's Pick for D.C. U.S. Attorney** – After **Obama gave Norton senatorial courtesy**, she recommended Ronald Machen, a former Assistant U.S. Attorney here and one of D.C.'s top lawyers, for U.S. Attorney for D.C.

▲ **Norton Expands Influence on D.C. Matters** – Granted courtesy to prepare D.C.

hearings for the subcommittee of jurisdiction, on which she serves. *See page 3.*

▲ **Hatch Act Passed** – House passage of bill to free the District from the federal Hatch Act and to permit the D.C. City Council to enact its own Hatch Act.

Recession Relief for D.C.

▲ **More Stimulus Money for D.C. than Seven States** – Used her subcommittee chairmanship to shore up the D.C. economy with **\$3.5 billion in stimulus funding for the District**.

▲ **DHS Groundbreaking Begins 10 Years of Jobs** – Construction of **first of three new Department of Homeland Security (DHS) headquarters buildings** underway at St. Elizabeths West campus in Ward 8; expected to generate **38,000 jobs** over ten years; first small business contracts went to minority-owned businesses, **40 percent to D.C. minority businesses**. *See page 3.*

▲ **New Opportunities Center Gives D.C. Residents Fair Shake** – Established an Opportunities Center for **jobs, apprenticeships, and business opportunities** on DHS

headquarters site, with assistance from the General Services Administration (GSA). *See page 3.*

▲ **Pre-Apprenticeship Program Begins** – **First 20 apprentices** graduate. *See page 3.*

▲ **Retirement Credit Restored** – Norton's bill to restore the retirement years lost by hundreds of D.C. court employees when several D.C. agencies were transferred to federal jurisdiction in 1997 was **signed by President Obama**.

▲ **Tax Credits Extended** – **Unique D.C. \$5,000 homebuyer and small business tax credits renewed in the House**. *See page 3.*

Healthy Environment, Healthy Residents

▲ **Spring Valley Munitions Published** – Norton got the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to publish, **for the first time**, the munitions found in Spring Valley, in Ward 3, since 1993.

▲ **Kingman and Heritage Islands Bill Passed** – Kingman and Heritage Islands bill to **transfer federal ownership** of the land to the District passed in the House.

Norton Metro Moves are Central to D.C. Economy

- ▲ Requested **two Metro hearings**, including the critical hearing on the June 22 fatal accident.
- ▲ Introduced **bill to enhance safety** after the June 22 Metro crash.
- ▲ As a senior Transportation Committee Member, worked with region to secure the **first \$150 million** federal installment for Metro and to introduce a bill to regulate subway safety standards and enforcement in the U.S. for the first time.

"January's two-foot snowfall offered unwanted, but verifiable, evidence that Metro and the federal government are joined at the hip. A classic co-dependency was...plain. The federal government needs Metro, but Metro also needs the federal government. When we return for a new \$150 million federal installment in capital spending funds this year, there should be no forgetting that the blizzard of 2009 brought on the perfect storm that shut down Metro, and with it, the federal and regional governments." —Norton Op-Ed, Washington Post, Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009

All Local D.C. Post Offices Removed from Closures List

- ▲ Saved D.C. Post Offices in Wards 1, 4, and 7. Post Offices: Columbia Heights, Fort Davis, Ledroit Park, Petworth, Randle, and Woodbridge.

Norton's 2010 Priorities

Voting Rights, Home Rule Equality and a Livable D.C.



2010 Big Three — Hearings Held, Bills Ready to Go

D.C. House Voting Rights Act

- ▲ Secure a House vote for the District's 600,000 residents.

Budget Autonomy

- ▲ Allow District officials to pass local budget without congressional oversight.

Legislative Autonomy

- ▲ Allow District officials to pass city laws without congressional review.

... And an Elected D.A., Two Statues in the U.S. Capitol

A Special Economic Package for D.C.

- ▲ Allows D.C. to sell lottery tickets on land near federal buildings to **increase D.C. revenue**.
- ▲ Allows D.C. to spend unanticipated cash reserves without coming to Congress.
- ▲ **Makes D.C. bonds exempt** from federal, state, and local taxation.
- ▲ Transfer small, but valuable, tracts of land to the city to enhance schools and other educational institutions.

D.C. Environment

- ▲ **Anacostia Clean-Up** – Get **\$50 million** authorized for final draft of an action plan for Norton's **Anacostia Watershed Initiative** legislation by the Army Corps of Engineers.
- ▲ **Levees to prevent flooding in D.C.** – Recover the \$2.5 million that the District fronted for design work and continue to insist that the remaining amount be paid for by Uncle Sam because the Potomac Park Levee is located on federal land.
- ▲ **Golf Course Improvements through Public-Private Partnership at:** East Potomac Golf Course, Langston Golf Course, Rock Creek Golf Course.

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Norton Defies Recession by Bringing Home Largest U.S. Project and Package of Jobs and Tax Credits



Norton, with District, labor and business leaders, and residents, cut the ribbon on the new Opportunities Center on the St. Elizabeths West Campus in Ward 8.

Innovative Opportunities Center Opens for Training, Jobs and Small Business Contracts

What: New building equipped with computer lab, conference room, and information kiosk to help residents get jobs and business contracts.

Where: St. Elizabeths West campus, Department of Homeland Security headquarters construction site, at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., S.E., Gate #2.

When: Began February 1, Mon-Fri., 8 am-6 pm.

Purpose: Job and pre-apprenticeship assistance. Small business training sessions. Community use of space available.

Contact: GSA 561-6910. Hiring by Contractor Clarke Construction on site. Watch for hiring start-up dates.

Norton Speaks to First 20 Pre-Apprentice Graduates

What: Got \$3 million in stimulus package for pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships.

Who: 200 to be trained as pre-apprentices.

Trainers: Community Services Agency, Metro AFL-CIO, and Wider Opportunities for Women, which won competitive contracts to do the training.

Norton spoke to the first class of 20 pre-apprentice graduates, trained by the Community Services Agency, Metro AFL-CIO, which won one of the competitive contracts to do the training.



District Leads in Stimulus Sites for Jobs and Pre-Apprenticeship Training

Why: As the subcommittee chair with jurisdiction over federal buildings, Norton argued that the large federal presence in the District required the greening and modernization of buildings here to save energy and taxpayer funds.

What: More than 20 federal buildings in D.C. designated for stimulus work to produce jobs and pre-apprenticeship work for D.C. residents.

D.C. SITES WHERE STIMULUS WORK WILL TAKE PLACE

- ▲ U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- ▲ The F Street Building, 1800 F Street, N.W.
- ▲ U.S. Department of Interior Building
- ▲ Herbert Hoover Building
- ▲ The Lafayette Building
- ▲ Mary Switzer Building
- ▲ Truman Building
- ▲ Veterans Administration
- ▲ Lyndon B. Johnson Federal Building
- ▲ Elijah Barrett Prettyman Courthouse
- ▲ Internal Revenue Service
- ▲ Ariel Rios Federal Building
- ▲ General Services Administration Regional Office Building
- ▲ Wilbur J. Cohen Building
- ▲ Winder Building
- ▲ Theodore Roosevelt Building
- ▲ Howard T. National Courts
- ▲ Tax Court
- ▲ 601 4th Street, NW
- ▲ U.S. Secret Service Headquarters
- ▲ Environmental Protection Agency East and West
- ▲ Washington Reagan ITC and Garage
- ▲ Department of Homeland Security
- ▲ Smithsonian Institutes

Norton Fights the Recession with Jobs, and Business and Homebuyer Tax Credits

D.C.-Only Homebuyer Tax Credits

- ▲ Norton's \$5,000 Tax Credit keeps residents buying homes in D.C. throughout 2009. Renewal expected for 2010. Unlike the federal tax credit, homebuyers may use Norton's tax credit even if they owned a home outside D.C. last year.
- ▲ \$8,000 Federal Tax Credit. Available if you have not owned a principal residence anywhere in the past three years. Expires in April.
- ▲ \$6,500 Federal Tax Credit. Available for certain homeowners moving to a new principal residence. Expires in April.

Small Business Tax Credits

- ▲ Norton's package of business tax credits fights D.C.'s high unemployment rate and small business slowdown.
- ▲ Unique \$3,000 wage credit, per resident hired, helped D.C. residents get fair shake at jobs in competition with suburban residents. Renewal expected for 2010.

You Count! I Be Counted!

Do you know why the Census Count is important to you? Test your Census knowledge here:

True or False:

1. As a federal agency, information on my immigration or law enforcement status to other agencies.
2. I am a taxpaying resident, and therefore, I will be counted even if I don't complete the Census questionnaire.
3. My house/apartment building will be counted regardless of my cooperation.

Answers: 1. False, 2. False, 3. False

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Norton Tax Fair—Saturday, February 27th

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Norton Launches First Buses as Part of Total Makeover of Union Station



What: First inter-city bus service since Union Station opened in 1907, with Greyhound's Boltbus, DC2NY, and Washington Deluxe. Tickets can be purchased online or from the bus drivers on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Why: Norton insisted low-cost bus service needed now, especially, during recession.

Where: Union Station Garage, Bus Deck Level.

Benefits: Safe indoor pick-up and drop-off. Seamless connection to other transportation. Reduction of air pollution and congestion on D.C. streets.

Coming to Union Station: Revitalized mall, now underway. New bus depot. Expansion for street cars, VRE, Marc, and Amtrak. Three-million square foot Burnham Place, a multi-use residential, office, and commercial community over Union Station tracks.



Norton worked for nearly four years to bring inter-city bus service to Union Station. D.C. resident Stephen Smoot, who drove the first bus, is pictured here with Norton.

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Norton Brings Government-to-Go to Your Neighborhood

Where: Your neighborhood supermarket, non-profit agency or community center.

What: Answers and information on federal programs, and policy, such as social

security, Medicare and Medicaid, and other federal benefits.

Who: Congressional staff on-site to serve you where you are.

When: Thursday from 5:00 – 7:00 pm (except One Stop Centers and Senior Centers which are at 10:00 am)

March 2010

- 3/2 Naylor Road One Stop Center, 2626 Naylor Road, SE
- 3/4 Giant Supermarket Tivoli Square, 1345 Park Road, NW
- 3/11 Safeway Supermarket, 514 Rhode Island Ave, NE
- 3/15 Sarah's Circle (Senior Center), 2551 17th Street, NW
- 3/23 Philip T Johnson Senior Center, 3440 Minnesota Ave, SE

April 2010

- 4/6 Barney Senior Center, 5656A 3rd Street, NE
- 4/8 Giant Supermarket, O Street Market, 1414 8th St, NW
- 4/15 Safeway Supermarket, 401 M Street, SW
- 4/22 Safeway Supermarket, 2845 Alabama Ave, SE
- 4/29 One Stop Veterans, 1722 I Street, NW

May 2010

- 5/4 Franklin One-Stop Career Center, 1500 Franklin St, NE

- 5/6 Safeway Supermarket, 490 L Street, NW
- 5/13 Safeway Supermarket, 415 14th Street, SE
- 5/20 Giant Supermarket, Brentwood 1050 Brentwood Rd, NE

June 2010

- 6/1 Naylor One Stop Center, 2626 Naylor Rd, SE
- 6/3 Safeway Supermarket, 5545 Connecticut Ave, NW
- 6/10 Safeway Supermarket, 1601 Maryland Ave, NE

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New Congressional Latino Council Advises Norton on Federal Hispanic Concerns

Congresswoman Norton presented her new Latino Council with certificates upon their swearing-in at a Hispanic Heritage Month Festival at Tivoli Theatre. Pictured with the Congresswoman are (l-r): **Martha Bazurto**, membership services director, Latino Federation of Greater Washington; **Alicia Wilson**, executive director, La Clinica del Pueblo; **Rosalia Miller**, founder, Latino Student Fund; **Dr. Yanira Cruz**, founder and CEO, National Hispanic Council on Aging; **Maria Gomez**, founder and CEO, Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care; **Sonia Gutierrez**, founder and CEO, Carlos Rosario International PCS; **Rebecca Medrano**, executive director, GALA Hispanic Theatre; **Humberto Garcés**, Executive Director, Centro Manuel Zapata Olivella; **Beatriz "BB" Otero**, president and CEO, Centronia. **Not pictured: Manuel Hidalgo**, executive director, Latino Economic Development Corporation; **Lori Kaplan**, CEO, Latin American Youth Center; **Saul Solorzano**, executive director, CARECEN.

