



Congresswoman

Eleanor Holmes Norton

Norton Developing New D.C. Voting Rights Strategies What Happened/What's Next

February–November 2009—Worked to obtain a clean D.C. House Voting Rights Act (DCVRA) after Senate passed the bill with a gun rider.

December 2009—Got agreement from House leadership to put a clean DCVRA on a must-pass appropriations bill, but the Senate did not agree.

January 2010–April—Worked on a compromise, which would have left significant parts of D.C.'s gun laws intact, but it was rejected by the National Rifle Association (NRA).

■ **March**—Prepared to bring the DCVRA, with the Senate-passed gun rider, to the House floor after developing strategies for retrieving D.C.'s gun laws.

■ **April**—Delayed the DCVRA after the NRA insisted on a new gun amendment far more dangerous to D.C. public safety and homeland security than the Senate-passed gun amendment: **Permitted carrying guns in public in D.C. Prohibited D.C. government from banning guns in many D.C.-government-owned and controlled buildings, including some schools and recreation centers. Prevented owners of residential and commercial buildings from prohibiting tenants from bringing guns onto their property. Repealed D.C.'s revised gun laws, including gun registration, the assault weapons ban, and gun training. Prevented D.C. City Council from enacting gun safety laws in the future. Made D.C. the only jurisdiction where out-of-state hand-gun purchases are permitted (in Md. and Va.).**

Next Step—Feedback from D.C. residents at a town hall meeting being planned. For a detailed description of the dangerous gun amendment and information on the town hall meeting, visit www.norton.house.gov.



Hiring Season Begins at DHS Headquarters Construction Site in Late Summer

Norton monitors construction and greets D.C. residents Jevon Dixon (left) and Harold Vines (right), two of the first hires at the new U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) construction site, in front of the on-site Opportunities Center, where hiring will increase in the coming months.

Norton's Monitoring Paying Off in Local Jobs and Contracts

Job Start-Up

Six of the 13 apprentices hired at the DHS headquarters site are D.C. residents. A Norton amendment added \$3 million to the stimulus bill for pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship training.

More than 1,000 residents have applied for jobs at the new Opportunities Center, which Norton developed to give D.C. residents special help in applying for jobs, apprenticeships, and contracts. Many applicants have skills, such as dry-

wall and painting, that will be useful in the future.

D.C. Small Businesses Working

Pre-construction work now underway, 24–7, is largely truck hauling of dirt and rocks dug up by cranes.

Norton made unannounced visit to the DHS site and saw dozens of D.C. truck drivers engaged in pre-construction hauling. *See Page 4 for D.C. small business' success with DHS contracts and an upcoming hearing on DHS construction site hiring and contracting.*

See page 4 for D.C. trucking companies with contracts.

See page 4 for priority on defeating gun bills.

13th Annual Job Fair Jobs Even During a Recession

D.C. and this region have more openings than anywhere else in the United States!

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

Washington Convention Center — Hall C

801 Mount Vernon Place—between 7th and 9th Streets NW

9:30 am – 11:00 am — Workshops

11:00 am – 3:00 pm — Job Fair

- ★ Private Sector Jobs
- ★ Federal and Local Government Jobs
- ★ Construction Jobs
- ★ Jobs for Recent Graduates

Must Bring Proof That You Are a D.C. Resident
(Driver's License, Non-Driver's Photo ID, Voter Registration Card, Pay Stub, Utility Bill, or Lease)

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: DC Circulator; Metro bus routes 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.

Workshops:

- ★ Dress for Success Fashion Show
- ★ Preparing a Resume
- ★ Completing D.C. and the New Federal Employment Applications
- ★ Interview Tips and Techniques

D.C. Residents Only!

100+ Employers

Bring copies of your resume. Dress for success.

Visit www.norton.house.gov for daily updates and more!

Norton Keeps Benefits Coming to D.C.

Plan Mandated by Norton's Anacostia River Clean-Up Bill Gets Underway

- ▲ Ten-year plan to clean up the Anacostia River and its tributaries, required by Norton's Anacostia Watershed Initiative bill, released by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- ▲ First roadmap for funding by U.S. Government, D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

Spring Valley Munitions Destroyed

Norton Demands Names of Buried Munitions

▲ **2009**—Norton got the release, for the first time, of the full list of World War I munitions and toxins found in the Spring Valley neighborhood. Findings included three toxins—arsine, mustard gas, and lewisite.

Norton Witnesses Explosives Destruction System

▲ **2010**—Norton toured the new Explosives Destruction System to ensure safety before the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers destroyed munitions.

Norton Blocks Six Congressional Attempts to Overturn Marriage Equality Law

Pictured here with residents and LGBT community activists, Norton held an End of the Count-Down Event on Capitol Hill to mark the enactment of the District's marriage equality law after the 30-day congressional review period. She remains vigilant after already blocking six attempts in Congress to overturn this home rule law.



Norton Uses Role as Subcommittee Chair to Ensure Federal Emergency Funds for D.C. and Metro After Record Snowfall

▲ Norton, chair of the subcommittee with jurisdiction over the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and federal emergencies, alerted FEMA during the December and February snowstorms of the need for Presidential Disaster Declarations.

▲ The Congresswoman is also monitoring financial assistance for non-profit facilities damaged by the snowstorms and reimbursements for D.C. Government agencies.

▲ Following the snowstorms, she championed the new Telework Improvements Act, reported to the House floor, which requires federal agencies to allow employees to telework to the maximum extent possible.

▲ Seeking first-ever snowstorm reimbursement for Metro, cites federal government's dependence on Metro, evident when shutdown of Metro caused shutdown of the federal government.



Norton Gets Funding for Potomac River Levee to Protect SW from Floods

▲ Norton insisted that the federal government—not D.C.—fund the new levee required at 17th Street and Constitution Avenue, because most of the affected property is federal.

▲ Secured \$5.8 million in federal stimulus funds for levee construction to prevent flooding near homes in Southwest neighborhoods, the U.S. Capitol, monuments, and other federal property.

▲ Construction of levee to begin this summer, expected to take one year to complete.

▲ Norton working with the House Financial Services Committee to exempt D.C. residents and businesses from mandate to purchase flood insurance while the levee is being built.

Norton Honors Congressional Gold Medalist Dr. Dorothy I. Height on 98th Birthday and at Funeral

March 24, 1912-April 20, 2010

Norton honored Dr. Dorothy I. Height with a Congressional Record entry on the occasion of her 98th birthday, and later spoke at Height's celebratory funeral.



“Dr. Dorothy I. Height has spent her extremely productive lifetime in service of African Americans, especially African-American women, and the people of the United States of America.”

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“For D.C. residents and for me, this celebration of Dr. Height's life is personal. When she moved from New York, she often reminded me that she had become one of my constituents, only to have me remind her that I had been her constituent all of my life. Dorothy could not live here without immersing herself in the life of our city, and D.C. voting rights became one of her great causes too. But, for some, like me, a child of the civil rights movement, Dorothy was an indispensable leader, even before I knew her—a mentor without a portfolio. I remember as a girl in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee when the civil rights leaders were the most important national leaders for Black America, that there was one and only one woman at the top. However, she was to become the great visionary whose signature is now on all the great causes for justice of her time.”

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How and When the Health Care Bill Could Benefit You

Norton Helped Shape Bill to Benefit D.C. Residents

Norton got D.C. treated as a state in the health care reform bill. Her focus ensures D.C. will be **relieved of the \$50 million cost of providing health care for more than 50,000 uninsured D.C. residents** through the D.C. Health Alliance.



Congresswoman Norton, who attended the White House ceremony where President Obama signed the historic bill, was joined by D.C. doctors, pictured here, health care experts, and more than 250 District residents for her “Fact Check Town Hall Meeting on Health Care” leading up to passage of the historic bill.

- ▲ For the 62 percent of D.C. residents with private health insurance—Reins in soaring insurance costs by restricting administrative expenses, profits, and overhead.
- ▲ For 134,000 D.C. families and 17,300 small businesses in D.C.—Tax credits for affordable insurance at group rates through the new health insurance exchanges. **When: 2014.** (Some small business tax credits take effect this year.)
- ▲ For 67,000 young adults in the District—Can remain on parents’ insurance plans until age 26. Affordable policies until age 30. **When: 2010.**
- ▲ For the 75,000 D.C. seniors receiving Medicare—Free preventive and wellness care, and improved coordinated primary and nursing home care. **When: 2011.**
- ▲ For the 3,300 D.C. seniors who have fallen through the Part D prescription drug donut hole—A \$250 rebate this year. Fifty percent discounts on brand name drugs beginning next year. The donut hole closes within 10 years.
- ▲ For 5,600 D.C. residents denied coverage for pre-existing conditions—Insurance cannot be denied based on pre-existing conditions. **When: September 2014.** (But temporary high-risk insurance pool created for those with pre-existing conditions. **When: 2010.**)
- ▲ For D.C. residents facing bankruptcy because of out-of-pocket medical costs—Caps on lifetime benefits will be abolished. **When: 2010.**
- ▲ For 42 community health centers—\$54.6 million.
- ▲ For hospitals and other health care facilities—Uncompensated care reduced by \$69 million.

SOURCE: House Ways and Means Committee, <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/press/PRArticle.aspx?NewsID=10416>

Some of the \$3.5 Billion D.C. Stimulus Projects Now Underway Because Norton Insisted D.C. Be Treated as a State

- ▲ Metro rail, bus, station and system improvements—\$210 million
- ▲ Downtown business district resurfacing, streetscape improvements—\$12 million
- ▲ D.C. Bicycle Sharing Program—\$3 million
- ▲ SW Freeway, I-95 improvements—\$3 million
- ▲ Pennsylvania Ave., SE, improvements—\$18 million
- ▲ Broadband mapping and planning to improve accessibility—\$1.5 million
- ▲ Eastern Ave. bridge over Kenilworth Ave.—\$5 million
- ▲ D.C. Water and Sewer Authority rehabilitation—\$21 million
- ▲ Resurfacing 17th Street NW between Massachusetts Ave. and New Hampshire Ave.—\$5 million

SOURCE: <http://www.recovery.org>

Norton’s Tax Breaks for Jobs, Home Buyers and Small Businesses in D.C. Pass House and Senate

- ▲ Federal tax credits for most homebuyers expired in April, but Norton’s D.C.–only \$5,000 homebuyer tax credit and business tax credits bill is in conference. Tax credits are expected to apply retroactively this year.
- ▲ Among small business breaks, a unique business tax credit for many D.C. businesses, providing up to a \$3,000 tax credit for each D.C. resident hired or already employed.

Norton Gets Metro Hearing to Clear Way for the Second \$150 Million Installment

- ▲ The Congresswoman got a hearing to ensure disbursement of the second of ten \$150 million installments she helped secure for Metro, as it faces mounting financial problems. The first installment was released last year.
- ▲ At the hearing, focused on safety and funding problems, Norton called for an independent Metro safety commission, funded directly by the legislatures of D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, not through public agencies in these jurisdictions. Seven of the nine individuals killed in the June 2009 Metro collision last year were D.C. residents.

See videos of hearings and interviews at www.norton.house.gov



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Norton Working to Block Gun Bills that Would Allow More Guns on Streets, In Public Buildings



Norton met with a grassroots home-rule, gun-control coalition, including the families of children killed in April's mass drive-by shooting, and released her letter to congressional leaders, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, asking for their help to prevent passage of new gun bills that wipe-out D.C.'s gun laws and add new provisions that would spread guns throughout the city.

Families Working Closely With the Congresswoman

Pictured here, parents of youth killed in the Southeast mass shooting that involved an AK-47, (l-r) Shelly Proctor, Nardyne Jefferies, and Norman Williams met with Norton to discuss ways residents can help block gun bills pending in the House and Senate.

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Don't Miss These Norton Community Events

Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners on Capitol Hill

Thursday, June 10, Capitol Visitor Center—5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

DHS (St. Elizabeths) Site Hearing

Tuesday, June 15, Matthews Memorial Church, 2616 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE—6 pm to 8 pm

Norton's Scholarship and Financial Aid Education Night

September 2010—National Building Museum

District on Pace to Exceed Last Census Count

Norton, who led the national Census 2010 Kickoff at Freedom Plaza in April and sits on the Census Subcommittee, reports D.C.'s 2010 mail-in participation rate was three percentage points higher (69%) than in 2000 (66%).



Turning in the forms and cooperating with the door-to-door Census counters collecting information through July 10, means dollars for D.C. and your neighborhood! *Don't count D.C. out of the money.*

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GSA Meets Goals as D.C. Small Businesses Get Competitive Contracts

- ▲ Nineteen D.C. businesses, including 10 based in Ward 8, got initial work at the DHS site: Century General Contractors, Hard Light Consulting Group, Ideal Electrical Supply Corporation, S&G Caterers, B&B Floor Services, and F&L Construction, among them. Subcontracts must go to companies certified within specialty areas. **D.C. trucking companies awarded pre-construction contracts include: Prince Construction, Rodgers Brothers, and Hardie Industries.**
- ▲ The General Services Administration (GSA) is on track to exceed its goal of **awarding 40 percent** of the pre-construction DHS contracts to small or disadvantaged businesses.
- ▲ D.C., small, minority, and women-owned businesses are taking advantage of the **monthly (8a) Certification Training Labs** offered at the **Opportunities Center**, which Norton had the GSA set up at the DHS construction site.
- ▲ Norton named **Regional Contracting Services, LLC, founded by Beverly Thomas, the "2010 D.C. Small Business of the Year"** at the Congresswoman's Annual "Access to Capital Fair," attended by more than 200 D.C. small business owners and residents. The company **successfully competed for a contract at the DHS construction site.**

Next "Hands-On Computer Training to Assist Local Small Businesses in Completing and Securing 8(a) Certification," June 16 and June 22. Advance registration required. Information available at www.gsa.gov/event.