



**Congresswoman**

# Eleanor Holmes Norton

## NORTON POWER GROWS IN THE NEW MAJORITY

### First the Speaker's Gavel

### Soon the House Vote!



Congresswoman Norton presides over the House in the Committee of the Whole. Norton's memo won

D.C. its first vote on the House floor, later approved by the courts. D.C. is close to the three votes needed to break the filibuster blocking the D.C. Voting Rights Act, passed by the House last year. The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, D.C. Vote and other organizations have visited key states. Among Norton's initiatives was a full special hour she got on the House floor on Tax Day.



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**EXTRA!**

### No Vote Yet But Norton Ranked 19th Most Influential Member in the U.S. House of Representatives

Remarkably, not only is Congresswoman Norton ranked 19th in influence. Even though she has no vote on final matters, Norton is ranked 16th in legislation by *Power Rankings*, the organization that ranks all 440 members. The great majority of members ranked above Norton are committee chairs or ranking members. Norton chairs the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

**Jobs!**

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## Now When Jobs are Hard to Find!

### 11th Annual Norton Job Fair

Where D.C. Residents Get Real Jobs!

Doors Open  
at 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, June 11th**

**9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Washington Convention Center  
Hall C**

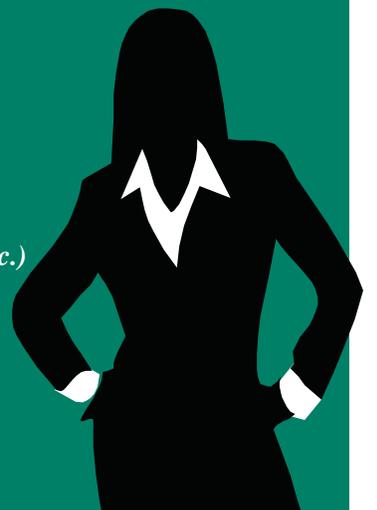
Near New York Avenue between 7th & 9th Streets

**BRING  
Resumes  
Valid D.C. ID**

*(D.C. driver's license or non-drivers license, voter registration)  
or other Proof of D.C. Residence – (Utility bills, pay stubs, leases, etc.)*

#### Don't Miss New Workshops

- ◆ Interview attire discussed and shown
- ◆ Live simulated job interview
- ◆ ABC's of temporary work option while you look for a job



**Metro, etc.** → D.C. Circulator, 66, 70, 71, 79, 80, 96, G2, G8, P6, X2  
Green & Yellow Lines, Mt. Vernon Square / 7th Street Convention  
Center, Red Line, Gallery Place / China Town

**Parking:** Meters & Private Lots

## D.C. Women Back from Combat in Iraq at Norton Forum



### **Norton Stands With 160,000 Women In Combat as She Opposes Iraq War**

Norton met with three D.C. National Guard soldiers, in uniform, and Navy Commander Carol Holland, U.S. Naval Academy graduate and member of Norton's Service Academy Board, who moderated Norton's forum; (L-R) SPC Stephanie Wade; Capt. Yolanda Lee; and Capt. Gladys Lanier. These women served with men in units on combat missions, where they took and returned gunfire.

## **Norton Improves D.C. Justice System—Beginning with High-Quality Drug Abuse Treatment in Prison for D.C. Residents**

Norton gets D.C. prisoners, now housed by the federal Bureau of Prisons, in the **state-of-the-art 500 hour drug program** for first time. More D.C. prisoners will come home clean and ready for reentry.

- ▲ **First hearing held on elected DA for D.C.**
- ▲ **First hearings on federal parole conditions for D.C. inmates reveal obsolete and counterproductive measures** and longest prison terms in the U.S. **Reform in Process:** Sanctions for minor violations, allowing parolees to maintain employment and family ties while being closely monitored.
- ▲ **Norton's bill for three additional Superior Court justices signed by President Bush.**
- ▲ **Norton bill to allow first increase in hourly rates in six years for attorneys appointed to represent indigent parties in family court and criminal cases passed the House.**
- ▲ **Norton to visit D.C. women in prison** in June in preparation for unprecedented hearings upcoming.

## **Norton's Committee of the Whole Votes Counting in Major Bills**

### **Here are Some Examples**

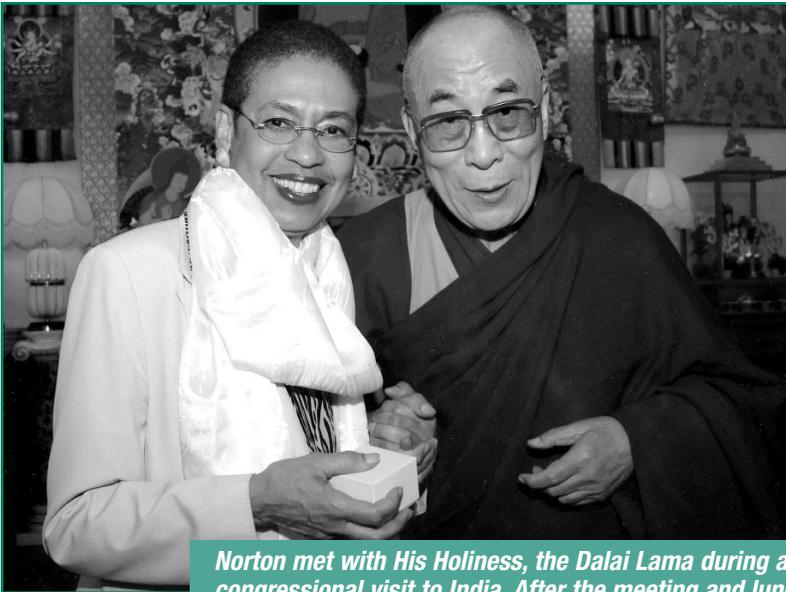
- Against** an amendment that would have eliminated summer work programs for teenagers.
- Against** an amendment to prevent appropriations for Davis-Bacon prevailing wages.
- Against** an amendment that would have undermined green building standards.
- For** an amendment that sought to provide funding for another economic stimulus package to extend unemployment insurance, food stamp benefits, and Medicaid payments.
- For** an amendment providing for direct allocations of funds for neighborhood stabilization programs to qualified metropolitan cities and urban counties.
- For** an amendment directing the executive branch to strengthen health systems globally by allowing higher educational institutions, particularly in Africa, to collaborate with historically black colleges and universities.

## **NORTON LANDS ANOTHER PAGE FOR D.C.**



Norton meets with Ashley Pierce (2nd from left) and parents, Steven and April and sister Ariel. Norton appointed Ashley, a junior at Cardozo High School, who competed with other residents for the spot in the spring semester at the Page School. Opportunities for pages rotate, but a spot unexpectedly opened.

# Norton Working With Important Congressional Leaders



Norton met with His Holiness, the Dalai Lama during a congressional visit to India. After the meeting and lunch, Norton was presented with a scarf from His Holiness.

## Norton in Official Delegation to India Led by Speaker Pelosi

- ★ Met with Dalai Lama in exile in India just as protests against China's treatment of Tibet and exiles began.
- ★ Top level meetings on pending US/India treaty for peaceful uses of nuclear energy.
- ★ Fruitful talks with key Indian officials on climate change.

## Norton Exercises Wide Influence Through New Chairmanship

### Bringing Economic Development and Jobs to D.C.

- ▲ **Three Norton Tourism Bills Moving:**
  - \* People-Friendly Mall Makeover
  - \* Public-Private Partnership Renovation of three D.C. Golf Courses.
  - \* **Old Post Office** Historic Treasure at 12th and Pennsylvania to be redone and put to good use.
- ▲ Department of Homeland Security Headquarters **work in progress** in Ward 8.
- ▲ A Norton-negotiated **apprenticeship program** operating for all federal construction and renovation here.
- ▲ A Norton hearing kicking off a scorecard to assure that government agencies under her subcommittee jurisdiction reach **goals for small, minority and disadvantaged businesses** to do business with the federal government.
- ▲ Norton's work in NOMA section of D.C. near Union Station helps lure DOJ, EEOC and NPR.
- ▲ **\$20 million** from federal government to pay for Navy Yard Metro expansion through Norton's Transportation Committee work in time for Nationals Opening Day.
- ▲ **Preventing Natural Disasters**
  - ▲ Norton used her FEMA oversight to secure **federal flood plain dollars** to prevent floods in SE, SW and downtown flood plains.
  - ▲ **Federal police reform bill** to protect federal workers and buildings passed by House.
- ▲ **Norton's Greening D.C. Begins**
  - ▲ First in a series of Greening D.C. hearings: Using massive federal leasing and construction footprint to bring more rapid greening, energy conservation and alternative fuel use to D.C. and region. Hearing Focus: Quick, **Low-Cost Fixes**; Greening the **Culture of Federal Workers**.
  - ▲ Greening includes the **Anacostia! \$20 million** in Water Resources Development Act for stormwater overflow control.
  - ▲ Hearing on Capitol Complex to further greening and goal to require Complex to be **carbon neutral within two years**.

### **Norton Farm Bill Conferee? For UDC, Yes!**

- ▲ **Norton got the University of the District of Columbia—the only urban land grant institution in the U.S.—included in the Farm Bill for the first time.**
- ▲ **Got an appointment as a conferee to save her provision qualifying UDC for millions of dollars covering many areas—from nutrition to facilities.**

## Using, Not Abusing the Appropriations Process



**R**eversing the process of burdening D.C. with anti-home rule riders, Norton has formed a partnership with Rep. José Serrano, to remove riders and also to use the appropriation process to pass bills that are needlessly held up.

Norton's D.C. Quarter Bill, which stalled in the Senate for six years, passed as part of an omnibus appropriations bill. The ban on **needle exchange and on court action and lobbying for D.C. Voting rights** also were removed in that bill.

Norton and Rep. José Serrano, new chair of D.C. Appropriations Subcommittee, spoke at an event honoring them for eliminating the needle exchange ban.





## CONVERT TO DIGITAL

**After February 17, 2009, without cable or other pay-for TV service, you will lose TV service unless you connect your TV to a converter Box:**

- ✓ Converter box coupons supplied by federal government.
- ✓ Each household gets two coupons worth \$40 to apply towards buying converter box.



- ✓ Contact Coupon Program 24-hotline **1-888-388-2009** to receive coupon in mail.
- ✓ Apply on-line for coupon at **www.DTV2009.gov**

## Get Your Stimulus Rebate Now!

### How much will my rebate be?

- ▲ Individuals → \$300 – \$600 with reductions in payments after \$75,000.
- ▲ Married couples no children → \$600 – \$1,200.
- ▲ Parents and guardians → \$300 for each child under age 17.

### You can get a rebate if you:

- ▲ had earned income of \$3,000.
- ▲ had at least \$3,000 in income from any combination of sources → Social Security, certain Veterans and Railroad Retirement benefits, and Veterans survivors benefits.

### How do I get my rebate?

- ▲ If you filed your 2007 taxes, your rebate is coming!
- ▲ File a 1040A if you file no return.
- ▲ Go to the IRS website <http://www.irs.gov> for forms and individual payment calculations.

**Norton's new, free Tax Preparation Service, which runs throughout tax season until April 15, is now helping residents get their rebate checks.**



*Norton met with her Tax Office Director, Jackie Pelt, a Ballou graduate, before making rounds to nursing homes and senior citizens centers to help seniors submit IRS forms for stimulus checks.*

## Norton In D.C. Neighborhoods Every Week

- ▲ Look for our Go-to-You constituent services close to home doing casework and giving information on valuable federal benefits.
- ▲ Services at supermarkets, senior centers, nursing homes, recreation sites, career centers, and other public and private locations—indoors and outdoors.
- ▲ Convenient for residents who work or cannot get to our three offices. Call **(202) 783-5065** for information.

## Behind on Your Mortgage? May Fall Behind?

**Check the website for Norton's Upcoming Homeowners Clinic**



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**Dozens of Employers at One-Stop Job Fair June 11th**