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I am running for Ward 8 City Council and would love to get the support of this great, hardworking, effective organization. I have been a member for about 10 years. Philip Pannell introduced me to Gertrude Stein Democrats Club. I am looking forward to addressing the members and community at the Ward 8 forum this week.

I have lived at the same location since 1969. I attended Ballou, US Agriculture Graduate School and Howard University. As Councilmember, I have set my priorities as public safety, unemployment, homelessness, seniors, LGBT and youth issues. I would be honored to receive your endorsement because with your support for me and my support of you, we can accomplish goals that have been set for our community. I am the only candidate with experience of all branches of the government, legislative, judicial and executive. I have prioritized my agenda as I campaign for this position.

I'll promote a vigorous campaign to encourage residents from loitering. I am currently working with 7D to devise a system to address the guys standing on the corners, creating unsavory scenes. As police officers graduate, I want to have more assigned to 7D and the districts in the wards with a higher crime rate. I want to have sensitivity refresher training on the how the Caucasian officers treat African Americans and how the heterosexual officers treat LGBT people, mainly transgender people.

I'll to hold roundtables to give residents the opportunity to address why they don't take advantage of opportunities to get their children involved in various programs. If it is a budget or legislative matter, I will address it accordingly. I'll review the process of starting a new business to see if some of the red tape can be cut. I'll give 10% of my salary to assist new entrepreneurs, on a first come, first serve basis. I plan to hold a roundtable with all organizations who offer training programs who are funded in full or in part by the government; after which, ensure funding in the budget for the programs/organizations that focus on job placement.

I'll hold a roundtable with organizations that provide shelter for the homeless. S.O.M.E. has a great housing program. I would like to duplicate the rooming house type housing for homeless single adults. I would like to expand the hours of the 12 hour homeless shelter in Ward 8. I'll hold a roundtable with the Department of Housing and Community Development to secure vacant/abundant buildings and ascertain the "true" reason they are failing to open vacant property under their purview for the homeless population.

I'll hold a roundtable with DC Housing Authority and Department of Humans Services to ascertain their process of improving the lives of residents under their purview, which would make the temporary assistance truly temporary.

I'll propose funding to bring a Veteran Service Center to Ward Eight.

I'll propose increasing funding for successfully administered senior and youth programs to provide for more participants.