



*I trust that the Gertrude Stein Club accepts this statement, and allows me to participate in its candidates' forum; and, further that its members endorses my candidacy for the Ward 8 city council seat. My name is Stuart Anderson, I'm 54 years old and I am a native Washingtonian. My gender pronoun is "He or Him". I live in the Historical Anacostia section of the Ward. I have three beautiful adult daughters and I serve as a surrogate father for many other children. I am self employed, in the property management and home improvement fields, and the founding Director of Family and Friends of Incarcerated People (FFOIP). I am a three time graduate of the University of the District of Columbia, holding degrees in legal assistant, business management, and Urban Studies.*

*I started one of the very first fatherhood initiatives in this country, "the Family Literacy Project" – in 1992. I fought for the rights of students at the University of the District of Columbia, from the confines of prison. For over half of my life I have been a formidable activist for social justice! I have spoke out against all manners of injustice. When various groups have had vigils for the homeless I've been on the ground supporting them. When those less fortunate among us have cried out concerning Public and low income housing, I've stood in the gap. When coalitions have been formed to stand up against unfair treatment in the work place Stuart has been there. I have been a part of the Jobs Not Jail coalition, the wage workers movements, the living wage efforts, and the work of confronting America over the failed War on Drugs! I have put together panels to discuss the plight of those incarcerated – being mindful of all of the varying groups of personages locked away in prisons (to include members of the LGBT community).*

*As a servant of the people, I have engaged myself in helping people survive! I feed people and give out clothing monthly. I mentor and guide youth. My hard work and efforts, as the lead organizer, for the Nationally recognized Martin Luther King Jr., Holiday Parade and Peace walk ensured the LGBT contingent's place in the 9<sup>th</sup> annual celebration. My relentless efforts, in fighting intergenerational incarceration has been praised by a wide range of community activists and social justice groups. I was awarded the Port in The Storm Activist award by the Washington Peace Center in 2013*

*I could go on writing about all the work of my heart and my hands helping organizations such as Ty Break through, Empower DC, Grass Roots DC, Wayside Center for Popular Education, Our DC, One DC, NBUF, UBF, The Peace House,*

*Endorsing my candidacy means sending an activist to the city council who will fight for the people – ALL the people!*

***Chief among the issues that I am concerned with are Public Safety, Human Rights, and Statehood!***