



## **Washington Interfaith Network (WIN),**

founded in 1996, is a broad-based, strictly nonpartisan, District-wide citizens' power organization. WIN is committed to training and developing neighborhood leaders, to addressing community issues, and to holding elected and corporate officials accountable in Washington, DC. WIN's 48 dues-paying members represent 25,000 families in every section of the District and reflect its theological, racial, geographic, and economic diversity.

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# WIN VOTES!

Mayoral candidates FENTY and GRAY and Chair candidates BROWN and ORANGE said **"YES"** to the WIN agenda for:

- Job Creation and DC Jobs Pipeline
- Affordable Housing
- Neighborhood Investment
- Youth Investment
- Holding Banks Accountable for High Interest Rates (Usury)



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# **WIN VOTES! 2010 ELECTION AGENDA**

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## **JOBS NOW**

Thousands of DC residents are unemployed and underemployed. Most job training programs in DC yields few jobs, while 70% of DC jobs are held by non-residents. WIN calls for linking training to a guaranteed job and using DC government's investment and procurement as leverage to secure jobs for the poorest residents in DC's growth sectors:

- **Green Jobs:** Dedicate \$10–\$20 million annually from the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund and other sources to weatherize 2,000–4,000 low-income homes each year and to train and employ up to 700 out-of-work DC residents over the next 4 years in green weatherization jobs. Create weatherization and jobs pipeline by requiring all contractors weatherizing DC government controlled (DCHA, DCPS, DRES, etc.) and financed (DCHFA, DHCD, etc.) properties to hire 100% WIN/DC Residents First Training graduates. Secure agreements with commercial property owners under the Property Assisted Clean Energy (PACE) program and with the General Services Administration (GSA) under Federal energy efficiency projects to hire 100% WIN/DC Residents First Training graduates.
- **Leverage City Investment:** Require contractors to hire 100% WIN/DC Residents First graduates on DC-financed infrastructure and other projects (e.g. DC Water, construction of public buildings, health care, etc).
- **Employ the Unemployed:** Target job creation and training for persons living in areas of DC with the highest unemployment and/or in families with high poverty rates—below 30% area median income.

## **10 % IS ENOUGH! END USURY**

Pass a law prohibiting banks that engage in usury from doing business with the DC and direct city business to non-usurious banks or credit unions. Despite the new Federal financial reform law, financial institutions will still be able to strip \$65 billion in wealth from Americans through usurious interest rates and fees on credit cards (30%+), payday loans (300%+), rapid refund tax anticipation loans (300%+), check-cashing services, etc. WIN has joined with the 17 other Metro Industrial Areas Foundation organizations to launch the campaign. For more information on the campaign see [www.10percentisenough.com](http://www.10percentisenough.com)

## **NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT**

Preserve the \$100 Million Neighborhood Investment Fund, including the predevelopment grant program and restore, starting in FY 2012, the \$450 million Baseball Community Benefits Fund that was used to balance FY 2010 and FY 2011 budgets.

## **YOUTH INVESTMENT**

- **Capital Projects:** Complete the renovations/construction at priority libraries—Washington Highlands—and recreation centers—Benning Terrace, Watts Branch, Ft. Stanton, Raymond, Parkview, and Bruce Monroe.
- **Youth Basketball League:** Finance a citywide youth/young adult basketball league in all DC wards to engage youth in positive relationships with adults and social service providers and create a jobs pipeline.

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

- **Dedicating Public Land to Affordable Housing and Requiring Affordable Housing on all City-Financed Projects:** Continue a 30% affordable housing requirement on all DC government owned land and financed projects.
- **Affordable Housing Financing/Funding Stream:** Raise new revenue to broaden the funding base for the Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) and other housing programs, including dedicating the Baseball Community Benefits Fund Tax Increment Financing (TIF) fund and new taxes from other new large-scale developments (Hill-East, McMillan Reservoir, Anacostia Waterfront, St. Elizabeth's, etc) to affordable housing.
- **Affordable Home-Ownership/Rental Housing:** Finance 1,000 WIN Nehemiah Homeownership units and 1,000 affordable rental housing units in WIN priority neighborhoods, such as Brightwood, Deanwood Heights, Shaw, Bellevue, Hill East, Columbia Heights, Washington Highlands, Benning Terrace, Congress Heights, etc.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing for Homeless Individuals and Families:** Finance the creation of 800 permanent supportive housing units each year for homeless families and adults to reach the goal of 2,500 units by 2014.