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Norton speaks at a Congressional Caucus on Black Men and Boys hearing



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Annual Norton Tax Preparation and Financial Services Fair

Saturday, February 21, 2015

10:00AM–Noon



**Washington Convention Center
801 Mt. Vernon Place NW
Washington, DC**

FOR D.C. RESIDENTS ONLY!

Please Note: Tax preparation is only for residents with an income of less than \$60,000 a year, with earnings from wages, salaries and pensions. There is no income restriction for the Financial Services Fair.

For Tax Preparation, Bring

- Photo ID
- Your W2 or 1099 Form
- Your 2014 Itemized Deductions
- Social Security card (you, your spouse and any dependents)
- Your 2013 Tax Returns
- A blank check for direct deposit
- Settlement statement for 1st-time homebuyers
- Health Care – 1095-A
- Student Tuition Statements-1098-T
- Student Loan Repayment -1098-E
- Childcare Expenses

Financial Services Offered

- FAFSA Form Help
- Housing & Mortgage Counseling
- Credit Counseling
- DC TAG & Other Grants
- DC College Savings Plan
- Low-Cost Credit Union Banking & Loans
- DC Health Link

Tax Returns Prepared by Certified-IRS Experts from D.C. Neighborhoods!

- [AARP](#) • [Community Tax Aid](#)
- [DC Employees Federal Credit Union](#)
- [DC Office of Tax & Revenue](#)
- [George Washington University Law School](#)
- [MyFreeTaxes](#) • [UDC School of Business](#)

FOR HELP WITH TAX ISSUES

- [Janet R. Spragans Federal Tax Clinic](#)
- [Taxpayer Advocate Service](#)
- [UDC Low Income Tax Clinic](#)

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: DC 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/Chinatown; parking meters & private lots

NORTON KEEPS BRINGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CONSERVATIVE CONGRESS

Reelected Top Democrat on House Highways and Transit Subcommittee

- ✓ Norton subcommittee to **write the surface transportation authorization bill**, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's (T & I) major bill
- ✓ Subcommittee **has jurisdiction over Metro rail and buses**, roads and bridges
- ✓ Norton on **3 other T & I subcommittees vital to D.C.'s interests**
 - **Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management**
 - Norton's work on this subcommittee has **transformed entire D.C. neighborhoods**
 - Keeping federal office leases for D.C. buildings, **fueling D.C.'s economy**
 - **Water Resources and Environment**
 - Lead sponsor of the major **2007 Anacostia River cleanup legislation**
 - Addressing **storm water overflow, D.C. flooding**, and Anacostia River clean up
 - **Aviation**
 - Oversight of D.C.'s **regional airports**

Federal Walter Reed Site to D.C.

- ✓ Norton deal secured **67 acres for mixed use**
- ✓ First parcel transmitted for **new fire and emergency station** to be built in **Ward 4**

A New Hotel Takes Shape from the Old Post Office



Norton at groundbreaking after her bill got Old Post Office converted into tax-revenue-producing hotel

Department of Homeland Security Construction at St. Elizabeths Not Only Lives, but Blooms

- Norton gets new funds to bring **DHS Secretary** and his **top 700 staff** to Ward 8 campus. **Contractor chosen.**
- Despite slow construction, project **on road to completion**

DC Water Clean-Up Commended



Norton with Mayor Bowser as Vice President Biden (in hat) commends D.C. Water infrastructure

Historic Projects Coming to D.C.

National Women's Museum, New D.C. Tourist Site, Overcomes 16-year-long hurdle

- ✓ Norton original cosponsor of bill passed for commission to create the museum

Funding for Historic Woodson Home

- ✓ Norton got **\$3.2 million** for the historic **Carter G. Woodson Home**, father of Black history
- ✓ **First-ever NPS historic site** to be completed using a **private-public partnership**

Norton Receives Lifetime Legacy Award from D.C. Chamber of Commerce

- **For service to D.C.**
- **For neighborhood development projects:** NoMa, DHS Campus, Old Post Office (left), The Yards, The Wharf

GETTING D.C. EQUALITY & ADVANCING D.C. STATEHOOD

Historic Momentum for D.C. Statehood Continues in New Congress



Norton meets with the D.C. statehood coalition in her congressional office

2015 D.C. Statehood Bill Sets Record for Original Cosponsors as Congress Opens

- ✓ **93 original cosponsors** before statehood bill is even introduced
- ✓ Norton's first bill of the 114th Congress, the New Columbia Admission Act

Senate Hearing Reinvigorates Statehood Movement

- Norton got **first-ever Senate hearing** on statehood
- Attracted the **largest turnout** ever at a D.C. hearing



New D.C. committee chairs voice support for home rule

- ✓ Norton met with Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) & Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI). Norton is a **senior member on the House committee of D.C. jurisdiction**
- ✓ Set to introduce Mayor Bowser to House and Senate D.C. chairs



Norton Forces Vote on D.C. Vote on House Floor

- ✓ **Session's first vote** was to restore D.C.'s vote in the Committee of the Whole on the House Floor
- ✓ **Mayor Bowser's first congressional appearance** supported vote

Norton Finds Loophole that Saves D.C. Marijuana Reform

- D.C. marijuana reform on track to **become law in February**
- Norton interpretation **backed by D.C. legal officials and House Democratic leaders**
- Chaffetz disagrees with Norton interpretation but **will not file disapproval resolution**
- **Sen. Rand Paul** and some other conservatives **support home rule on marijuana**

Norton's Shutdown-Exemption Bill Helps Improve D.C.'s Bond Rating

- **The three leading Bond Ratings Agencies** cited Norton provision exempting D.C. from shutdown in 2015 in **upgrading** or maintaining D.C.'s rating
- Norton using **favorable Wall St. response** to help get her **permanent shutdown-exemption bill** for D.C. passed

Norton Saves D.C. Gun Laws

- Norton kept the **House-passed D.C. gun rider out** of the final spending bill
- Rider would have blocked D.C.'s gun laws, including its **ban on assault weapons** and on **large capacity magazines** that hold more than 10 bullets

NORTON GETS D.C. PRIORITIES PASSED

Norton Gets Funding for D.C. in Omnibus

- ✓ **DCTAG:** Fully funded at **\$30 million**, same as 2014
- ✓ **DHS St. Elizabeths Campus:** **\$144 million**
- ✓ **Metro:** **\$150 million** for capital improvements
- ✓ **DC Water:** **\$14 million** to eliminate neighborhood flooding and sewer overflow into our rivers
- ✓ **D.C. Public & Public Charter Schools:** **\$32 million**
- ✓ **HIV/AIDS:** **\$5 million** for treatment & prevention

All 10 of Norton's Federal District Court Recommendations Confirmed

- One of the most distinguished and diverse courts in the nation: 4 women, 6 men, 4 African Americans, 4 Whites, 1 Hispanic, 1 Asian Pacific American
- Robert Wilkins first Norton recommendation promoted to U.S. Court of Appeals

NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL NEWS FOR D.C.

D.C. Native Son Edward Brooke, First Popularly Elected Black U.S. Senator, Passes

- Norton to speak at funeral for the Massachusetts senator at the **National Cathedral in March**
- Brooke, the **first African-American senator elected by popular vote**, lobbied for D.C. voting rights
- Norton got Congress to award him the **Congressional Gold Medal in 2009**
- President Bush awarded him the **Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004**



Senator Edward Brooke (1919-2014)



Norton rallies with federal contract workers

Norton Priorities Achieved: Minimum Wage Raise, Anti-Bias and Workplace Protections for Federal Contract Workers

- Obama Executive Order (E.O.) raises **minimum wage to \$10.10 for federal contract workers**, while federal minimum wage is still \$7.25
- E.O. also bars **employer wage theft** and other **unfair labor practices**
- E.O. **bans job discrimination against LGBT federal contract workers**, first-ever federal protection for LGBT Americans



BANNING DISCRIMINATION

Norton Gets First-Ever Ban on Racial Profiling Enacted into Law

- ✓ Norton amendment prohibits states that **receive federal transportation funds** from engaging in racial profiling

Norton Leader in Fight Against Washington Football Team's Disparaging Name

- ✓ Her latest action: House sponsor of Senate bill to strip NFL of tax exempt status if Washington football team keeps name



Norton with supporters at a Senate Change the Mascot Press Conference

D.C. RESIDENTS MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD

D.C. Residents Find Support at Norton Unemployment Roundtable

- ✓ Norton hosts “**Speak-Out**” on unemployment
- ✓ Seeks long-term unemployment benefits



Roundtable Produces Recommendations to Improve National Mall Experience

- ✓ Residents need **chairs and tables in the shade**
- ✓ Residents want increased food options, including **food trucks**
- ✓ Designate a dance floor on the Mall
- ✓ Bring art outside from Smithsonian museums
- ✓ Circulator route coming
- ✓ Improvements & events at **Constitution Gardens & East Potomac Park**

Hispanic Heritage Month Roundtable Probes Status of Central American Children

- ❖ Norton gets answers on the status of **unaccompanied Central American children** who crossed the border and **came to D.C.**
- ❖ Panel offered **information** for families of **D.C. residents affected** by the surge in unaccompanied children
- ❖ Norton met with her **D.C. Congressional Latino Council**, which recommended allowing children to apply for **refugee status** and obtain **legal services**

Norton’s East of River Town Hall Produces Action at Shepherd Parkway & Kenilworth Parks

- ❖ Parks East Town Hall, first to be held on **National Park Service parks east** of the Anacostia River, raised attention to **safety and upkeep** concerns at Shepherd Parkway and Kenilworth Park
- ❖ Resulted in the U.S. Park Police **increasing patrols and arrests**
- ❖ Residents briefed on the **11th Street Bridge Park Project** development (pictured)



Norton Roundtable on Union Station Gets Results on Congestion

- ❖ **Traffic monitors** to improve vehicular and pedestrian traffic **congestion**
- ❖ Norton **visited the traffic circle** to **verify improvements** and recommended better signage

Candid Conversation on Gangs and Youth Violence

- Norton’s **D.C. Commission on Black Men and Boys** hosted a roundtable discussion on gang violence
- Roundtable prompted by **shooting** incidents last summer at the **Zoo and Ballou High School**
- The conversation engaged former **rival gang members** who shared their experiences and **lessons learned**

NORTON IN THE COMMUNITY

Welcoming D.C. Students and Groups to the House Floor!



After their House floor tour, Anacostia H.S. students with Norton at D.C.'s Fredrick Douglass Statue, achieved by a 2012 Norton bill

D.C. residents can sit in Congressional seats on the House Floor!

To schedule a tour, call 202-225-8050, or visit: www.norton.house.gov/contact/email-me

Tremendous Turnout for Annual Job Fair



Norton's Annual Job Fair draws thousands of D.C. residents looking for good-paying jobs
NEXT NORTON FAIR: FEBRUARY 21ST (see pg. 1)

Norton Gets D.C. Veteran a Meeting with Obama



Norton took D.C. resident Alyce Lillian Dixon, a 107-year-old World War II veteran, for a private meeting with President Obama in the Oval Office

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Sign-up for the weekly Norton e-Newsletter. Visit:

www.norton.house.gov/contact/newsletter

Has your organization brought Norton to YOUR neighborhood?

Recent "Norton in Your Neighborhood" events featured dialogue with residents and **up-to-the-minute information** on what is happening in Congress affecting D.C. and important national issues

- Parkside Civic Association
- Brookland Civic Association
- Gays and Lesbians Oppose Violence
- Renaissance Adult Day Health Care Center
- ANC4B Community Meeting

Make sure your ANC, community organization, or D.C. group sponsors a Norton in Your Neighborhood. To learn more, visit <http://norton.house.gov> or call Tristan Breaux at (202) 408-9041