



Congresswoman

Eleanor Holmes Norton

Norton Scores Victories for D.C., Despite Most Unproductive, Conservative Congress in Memory

Norton Defeats Unprecedented Attacks on Home Rule and on City's Women

- ▼ Defeats post-20-week D.C. abortion ban bill. See pg 3
- ▼ Stops 3 attacks on D.C.'s gun laws. See pg 3

Norton's D.C. Statehood Bill Introduced in Senate – See pg 4



Three Potent Symbols of Statehood: New laws requiring the display of the D.C. flag at military ceremonies, the placement of the first D.C. statue in the U.S. Capitol, and the preservation of the D.C. War Memorial for D.C. veterans only. See pg 3

Norton's D.C. Economic Development Projects Cushion Impact of Federal Spending Cuts
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Annual Norton Tax and Financial Services Fair

FOR D.C. RESIDENTS ONLY!

PLEASE NOTE: These services are for D.C. residents whose income is less than \$51,000 and comes from wages or salary and who file basic returns.

What You Need to Bring...

- ★ Photo ID
- ★ W-2
- ★ Forms 1098 & 1099
- ★ Itemized deductions
- ★ 2011 tax return
- ★ Blank check for direct deposit
- ★ Social Security card for you, your spouse and any dependents
- ★ Homebuyers must bring settlement statement

Saturday, February 9, 2013
10:00 a.m. - noon

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mount Vernon Place
(Between 7th and 9th Streets NW, L Street Entrance)

Taxes prepared by IRS-certified experts

Come only if you file forms:
1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, D-40 or D-40EZ

First come, first served.
Budget cuts limit the number who can be served this year. Referrals to neighborhood VITA sites provided.

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Financial Services Offered

- ✓ Credit Counseling
- ✓ DCTAG & Other Grants
- ✓ DC College Savings Plan
- ✓ FAFSA Form Help
- ✓ Housing & Mortgage Counseling
- ✓ Identity Theft Prevention
- ✓ Low-Cost Credit Union Banking & Loans

And May Qualify For...

- ★ Earned Income Tax Credit
- ★ Child & Dependent Care Tax Credits
- ★ Education Tax Credit, and many more

TRANSPORTATION: D.C. Circulator; Metrobus 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

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Norton Development Projects Shoring Up D.C. Economy

Norton Wants Coast Guard to Hire D.C. Residents as First Federal Agency East of the Anacostia River Opens This Year

- ▼ D.C. residents **averaged 22%** of the Coast Guard headquarters construction workers, even though D.C. is **only 10%** of the region's population and despite a federal law prohibiting local hiring preferences.
- ▼ Norton planning Coast Guard headquarters **job fair for D.C. residents.**
- ▼ Other Department of Homeland Security buildings on tap for the **Ward 8 site.**

Norton's Aggressive Monitoring, Unannounced Visits and Hearings also Keep D.C. Residents Working at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture and a Dozen other Federal Construction Sites in D.C.



Norton, with D.C. workers, on one of her unannounced visits to monitor employment of D.C. residents at federal construction projects here.

Norton Helped Write New Surface Transportation Law as Member of Conference Committee

- ▼ **Funds work** on D.C. roads, bridges, and mass transit for two years.
- ▼ Ensures completion of first phase of **11th Street Bridge in 2013** and total completion in 2015.

Norton Sees Unmet Parks Potential Hosts National Park Service Town Hall Meetings



Safety First

- ▼ Fort Totten. To address a **nighttime crime spree** on an NPS-owned path connecting Metro and Fort Totten community, Norton got **temporary lighting** installed while NPS works on a permanent solution.
- ▼ National Mall. Norton has walked on the **Mall** since muggings in 2006 to assess **lighting** and **police presence.**

Norton and Ward 5 Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie view new temporary lighting on path near Fort Totten Metro.

Adapting NPS Parks to Our Neighborhoods

- ▼ Norton working on **playground equipment** for NPS parks with limited places for kids to play.
- ▼ Introduced bill suggested by **Glover Park community** to name NPS nature trail for *Silent Spring* author **Rachel Carson**, who observed birds there and did much of her scientific work as a federal employee.
- ▼ Norton helped get funding and cut the ribbon for the **Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens segment** of the **Anacostia Riverwalk Trail**, the last section of 60 miles of **pedestrian and bike trails** connecting most major destinations along the waterfront.

Norton Works with NPS and WMATA to Bring the National Mall Alive with Music and Dance

- ▼ Lunchtime Music on the Mall ready for **second season** in the spring.
 - Amateur musicians enliven the Mall with a variety of music during warm months.
 - Encourages **residents and office workers** to enjoy the Mall during **daytime hours.**
- ▼ 4th Annual National Dance Day on the Mall coming in July.
 - Features D.C.-area dance groups. **Watch our website for information on coming auditions.**
 - Promotes **dance** as a form of **exercise.**

Preserving Home Rule Not Enough – Norton Expands It

No Shutdowns for D.C. Government!

- ▼ Norton's **permanent shutdown-avoidance bill** in 2013 appropriations bill, allowing D.C. to stay open if federal government shuts down.
- ▼ Costly, time-consuming **preparations** and **uncertainty** eliminated.

Norton Defeats Radical Bill Denying Reproductive Choice Only to D.C. Women

Norton leads Democrats and pro-choice community in defeating a bill banning abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy only in the District

- ▼ Norton **nationalized fight** by revealing true purpose of bill – overturning *Roe v. Wade*.
- ▼ Bill was the **top legislative priority** of the **National Right to Life Committee**.

Drives Back Attacks on D.C.'s Gun Safety Laws

- ▼ **Defeated** amendment allowing holders of **out-of-state concealed weapons permits** to carry guns in D.C.
- ▼ **Stopped** House-passed, non-enforceable resolution **exempting** active military from **D.C.'s gun safety laws** which could have encouraged more attacks on city's gun laws.
- ▼ No House bill passed to eliminate D.C.'s gun safety laws, despite **174 cosponsors**.

Preserves D.C. Laws from Anti-Home-Rule Riders

- ▼ Needle Exchange
- ▼ Marriage Equality
- ▼ Medical Marijuana

Three New Laws Symbolize D.C.'s Equal Place in the Nation

Military to Fly D.C. Flag Along With State Flags



Norton with Tomi Rucker, who wrote Norton after the D.C. flag was not displayed at her son's, Seaman Jonathan Rucker, boot camp graduation ceremony when state flags were displayed for the other graduates. The D.C. mother and D.C. veterans inspired Norton's successful fight to require the military to always display the D.C. flag along with state flags.

Norton Bill for D.C.'s Frederick Douglass Statue to Join Other State Statues in U.S. Capitol Enacted

D.C. War Memorial to Remain Dedicated to D.C. Veterans Only

President Signs Two Norton Hatch Act Bills and Her Special Elections Bill

Three New Laws Expand Home Rule

D.C. Hatch Act Reform Act

- ▼ **D.C. employees** no longer treated like federal employees.
- ▼ **D.C. employees** now subject to **local Hatch Act** like other state and local employees.

Hatch Act National Capital Region Parity Act

- ▼ **Federal employees** who live in D.C. may run in **partisan local elections as independents**.
- ▼ **Maryland and Virginia** federal employees have had this right since the **1940s**.

D.C., Not Congress, to Set Special Elections

- ▼ Gives D.C. flexibility for scheduling special elections.
- ▼ Saves city money by making it easier to schedule special elections on the same day as a previously scheduled election.



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Carper Replaces Lieberman as Chair of Senate Committee with D.C. Jurisdiction

- ▼ Sen. Joseph Lieberman, who retired, was an **outspoken champion** for the District throughout his four terms.
- ▼ Sen. Thomas Carper, a former **Delaware** governor, also served as the **only member of the House** from his state, giving him **useful experience** with a small jurisdiction **like the District**.

D.C. Statehood Bill Drew First Four Senate Sponsors Since 1993 in Lame-Duck Session

- ▼ Sens. Lieberman, Durbin, Murray, and Boxer.
- ▼ Gives Norton a head start for progress in 2013.

Norton Pick, Ketanji Brown Jackson, Would be Second Black Woman on U.S. District Court Here, Nominated by President

- ▼ **Senate** has confirmed **five judges** recommended by Norton to President Obama.
- ▼ D.C. **citizens panel** helps Norton use **senatorial courtesy** to find and screen talented D.C. lawyers.

Norton and Unity Health Care Team Up to Offer Blood Pressure and Other Screenings in Neighborhoods at Weekly Norton “Government to Go”

- ▼ “**Government to Go**” brings **caseworkers** and information on federal benefits and programs to residents who may not get to one of our three offices.
- ▼ **Look** for “Government to Go” at supermarkets, libraries, community centers, senior centers, unemployment offices, street fairs...**wherever residents visit regularly!**



Norton welcomes **community** to a hearing held by her **Commission on Black Men and Boys on synthetic marijuana (K2)**. The D.C. Council later passed a law banning the drug, which has **LSD-like effects**.

Norton Forces Vote on First Day of the New Congress on Denial of D.C.’s First and Only Vote on the House Floor

“What is more painful and arbitrary than not having the final vote, what is more painful and arbitrary than not having even the vote in the Committee of the Whole, is having a vote that you have exercised withdrawn, as this vote was today. In three Congresses we exercised our vote in the Committee of the Whole. No vote should be dependent on which party is in power...You cannot take away our citizenship. In this country you should never be able to take away a vote once it has been granted.”

– Excerpt from Norton’s floor remarks after she was denied the Committee of the Whole vote in the House Rules for the 113th Congress.

ANC Commissioners and Neighborhood Community Associations – have you sponsored a Norton in Your Neighborhood Community Conversation?

Call Norton’s constituent services office for more information at (202) 783-5065.