

# NORTON OPTIMISTIC FOR 2016 AFTER NEGOTIATING BIGGEST WINS FOR D.C. EVER IN 2015

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## *Works with First Republican Congress in Eight Years and Democratic Allies*



### *Most Federal Funding for D.C. Ever – Page 2*

- DCTAG 25% increase
- D.C. Transit Funding 25% increase
- D.C. Roads and Bridges 10% increase

## *Most D.C. Statehood Cosponsors in House and Senate Ever – Page 3*

## *Norton Protected D.C. Laws from Aggressive Republican Opponents – Page 3*

- Three Republican Senators running for President took aim at D.C. gun safety and anti-discrimination laws – and missed

## *Much More D.C. News You May Have Missed But Need to Know*

- See inside for wins on DHS Headquarters in Ward 8 (page 2), federal employees (page 4), civil rights (page 5), and communities (page 6)

# WITH SEQUESTER CUTS RELAXED, NORTON RUSHES IN TO GET FUNDING INCREASES FOR D.C.

## Gets Federal Funding D.C. Needs Most

- ✓ **D.C. Tuition Assistance Grants**
  - Norton got **\$10 million increase for DCTAG, \$40 million total**
- ✓ **Took full advantage of her Transportation Committee leadership role to get large funding increase and help for Metro**
  - **\$268.5 million** more for Metro, D.C. transit, roads and bridges
  - Pre-tax **commuter transit benefits DOUBLED to \$255/month** – now same as parking benefits
  - **Eighth straight year of full \$150 million to fix Metro infrastructure**
- ✓ **More than money needed to get riders back on Metro**
  - Norton bill gets federal safety oversight of Metro until DC, MD, and VA establish a safety office – **help to reverse 5% ridership decrease**
  - Norton amendment to end violence on **buses against drivers and public**
  - Restroom breaks for drivers

## Local D.C. Funding Wins

- **\$14 million** DC Water to stem **flooding**, clean up Anacostia and Potomac rivers
- **\$5 million** HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment
- **\$435,000** D.C. National Guard Scholarship program

## Norton Ends Doubts on Completion of DHS Headquarters in Ward 8



*Norton with U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Administrator Denise Turner Roth and Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) on a tour of the construction at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) St. Elizabeths campus*

Norton gets **\$556.7 million, full requested funding**, for Ward 8 St. Elizabeths **DHS campus** that puts **remaining pieces in place**

## Norton Development Projects Bringing Revenue to D.C.

- Groundbreaking for **first building** on old **Ward 4 Walter Reed Hospital land** **Norton** got **transferred to D.C.** from **federal government**
- Norton **SW Waterfront law** yields first **residences at The Wharf**

# NORTON GETS HOME-RULE WINS, WHILE SETTING RECORDS FOR STATEHOOD

## *Norton Builds Historic Support for D.C. Statehood*

- ✓ Record **93 Democrats in the House** and **17 in the Senate** join Norton as **original cosponsors** to introduce D.C. statehood bill
- ✓ Record **128 total cosponsors in the House so far**
- ✓ Residents want to build on *Washington Post* poll showing almost three quarters of D.C. voters want statehood



*Norton at a strategy session with supporters of her statehood bill*

## *Keeping Congress Out of D.C.'s Business*

Norton **turned back attacks** on D.C. home rule by **three Senate Republican Presidential candidates** and the **far-right House Freedom Caucus**

Senators Marco **Rubio** (R-FL) and Rand **Paul** (R-KY) introduced bills to **eliminate** D.C.'s gun laws **FAILED**

Senator Ted **Cruz** (R-TX) tried to overturn D.C. anti-discriminations laws protecting employees' reproductive choices and LGBT students' access to facilities **FAILED**

## *Home Rule Wins on the Way to Statehood*

- ✓ **No new anti-home-rule social riders**
- ✓ **D.C. budget autonomy referendum **SAVED** for third straight year**
- ✓ **D.C. exempt from shut down for the third straight year**



# NATIONAL WINS

## *Norton Gets First Long-Term Highways Bill Passed in a Decade*

- ✓ \$64 billion increase 5-year bill
- ✓ \$8 billion Amtrak improvements
  - \$3 billion NE corridor
- ✓ Increased funding for lanes and trails for bicyclists and pedestrians
- ✓ Renewal of the **Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Program** to help minority- and women-owned businesses get contracts
- ✓ \$100 million/year for National Park Service (NPS) megaprojects like Arlington Memorial Bridge

## *Expanded Protections for Federal Workers from Identity Theft*

- Norton gets 10 years and \$5 million for identity theft coverage for 22 million **federal employees** and **retirees** whose personal information was **hacked**
- Still insisting on her lifetime coverage bill because some **personal** information cannot be changed

## *A Leader in Federal Effort to Combat Synthetic Drugs*



Norton with other Members of Congress introduces a bipartisan bill to help law enforcement combat synthetic drugs. MPD Commander Robin Hoey attended the press conference, at Norton's request

Norton cosponsored two bipartisan bills to address spike in **synthetic drug use in D.C. and nationally**

D.C. **emergency services** were called **580 times**—more than **18 times a day**—to respond to cases involving synthetic drugs

# NORTON, FORMER CHAIR OF EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION, CONTINUES CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERSHIP IN CONGRESS

## *Norton Gets Two-Pronged Approach to Combat Racial Profiling*

- Norton amendment requires states receiving federal transportation funds to act against racial profiling
- Secured **\$7.5 million** for states to collect data on racial profiling

## *Norton Marches for a New Voting Rights Act*



*Norton marches with other Members of Congress and the NAACP across Arlington Memorial Bridge for renewal of the Voting Rights Act. Earlier this year, Norton marched with President Obama in Selma, Alabama*

## *Norton Cofounds Congressional Task Force After 21 Transgender Killings in U.S. in 2015*

*“Today, many Americans are learning for the first time about transgender people. As an African American woman, I believe that the nation’s long experience with racial prejudice teaches that all forms of discrimination are wrong. Prejudice in any form retreats when the group itself and their allies step forward.”*



# NORTON USES CONGRESS TO GET IMPROVEMENTS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN D.C.

## *Making Progress by Nationalizing D.C.'s Neighborhood Airplane Noise*



- A **Norton amendment** requires Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to work with communities on airplane noise and flight paths
- Norton gets **FAA, airlines, and community working group** on airplane noise in D.C.
- Requests **congressional hearing** as **House colleagues** also confront same noise issues
- Cosponsored **three anti-noise bills**

## *Capitol Hill Open for Sledding!*

*Norton gets non-enforcement provision for 19<sup>th</sup> century law that prohibits sledding on Capitol Grounds - so grab your sleds, kids!*

## *Welcoming a New Green Project at DC Waters' Blue Plains*



*Norton and Mayor Muriel Bowser dedicate Blue Plains latest **green project**, which **turns waste into renewable power** - benefit to Norton's environmental priorities and rate payers, including federal government*

## *Norton Gets Makeover for D.C. Parks*

1. Works with residents to get NPS to **install special recognition** for pioneering environmentalist **Rachel Carson in Glover Archbold Park**
2. Rescues **Shepherd Parkway** from persistent **dumping** by getting **GSA** to build **transformative trail and new access road**
3. Gets Architect of Capitol to **renovate Spirit of Justice Park** on **Capitol Hill** into a new attraction with shade and tables for the neighborhood