



Norton Advances Statehood in White House and Senate and Fights to Save D.C. Gun Safety and Marijuana Decriminalization Laws

Without a Vote, Norton Leads Democrats in Bills Passed in 113th Congress

President Obama speaking at White House



★ **First Statehood Hearing in Two Decades**

- * *Norton working with Senate on upcoming hearing*
- * *Sixteen Senators, including Senate leadership, cosponsor companion of Norton's D.C. statehood bill*

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Obama Endorses Statehood!

D.C. residents "contribute to the overall well-being of the country like everybody else. They should be represented like everybody else." - President Barack Obama

Annual Norton Job Fair

- ✓ Top Jobs Available in D.C. Region
- ✓ Resume Tips
- ✓ Fashion Show - Dress for Success
- ✓ Health screenings

Thursday, August 21, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Workshops to help you prepare for a job – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

JOB FAIR – 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Must Bring Proof That You Are A D.C. Resident
(Photo ID, Voter Registration Card, Pay Stub, Utility Bill, or Lease)

Employers Hiring!

Federal, State, and Local Jobs
Private-Sector Jobs
Jobs for Recent College Graduates

Washington Convention Center

801 Mount Vernon Place NW
Between 7th and 9th Streets
D.C. Residents Only!

Jobs and Funding for D.C.

New Norton Projects Yield Jobs for Residents

Old Post Office Groundbreaking Downtown

- Norton bill gets city its first D.C. luxury hotel, yielding **\$100 million in D.C. tax revenue** over ten years
- **700 construction jobs, 300 permanent jobs**
- Rehab of historic building expected in three years will lead needed mixed use of Penn. Avenue



Right: Norton with developer Ivanka Trump

Groundbreaking for Norton's SW Waterfront Bill

- Norton bill turns over **27 acres of land and 50 acres of water to D.C.**
- Matches Norton's **SE Waterfront Act** for the new **Capitol Riverfront**, where construction is well underway
- **1,100 construction jobs and 2,100 permanent jobs for D.C. residents**

New Construction Funding for DHS Top Brass to Come at St. Elizabeth's

- Contractor for historic Center Building for Department of Homeland Security Secretary to be awarded this month
- Infrastructure for entire project done – guarantees finish of DHS complex
- Norton also wants public-private partnerships for some DHS buildings

Norton Introduces Administration's Surface Transportation Bill

- Norton, **Ranking Member**, sponsors bill with chair of Subcommittee, at **request of the Administration**
- Four-year funding
- Norton will use Administration's bill to try for a six-year bill with more funding

Norton Fight for National Women's History Museum Advances

New tourist attraction in D.C.

- Norton on bill to create commission to study museum
- **First Women's History Museum in U.S. – 210 statues** in the U.S Capitol, **only nine of female leaders and less than five percent** of 2,400 national historic landmarks chronicle women's achievements

Awaiting 2015 Appropriations with Full Funding for Norton's D.C. Priorities

- ✓ **President's Budget endorses both budget and legislative autonomy**
- ✓ Senate Subcommittee **fully funds** DC TAG. President's Budget **increases** DC TAG by **\$10 million, now at \$40 million!**
- ✓ **\$323,534,000** for **St. Elizabeths DHS** headquarters
- ✓ **\$20 million** each for DCPS and Charter **Schools** **\$5 million** for **HIV/AIDS** prevention and treatment
- ✓ **\$16 million** for **D.C. water and sewer construction**

House Republicans Pile on D.C., but Norton is Ahead Working with Senate and Administration

Dangerous Gun Rider Tries to Eliminate All D.C. Gun Laws

“I’m fairly confident that it will get killed by Harry Reid.”

– Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY) on his gun amendment, Washington Post, 7/17/2014

- Ineptly written House amendment **restricts some D.C. gun laws, relaxes others** – confusion should help Norton eliminate it in Senate
- Massie, a **Kentucky cattle farmer**, who lives in a county of **14,000 residents**, wants gun laws in nation’s capital stricter than his at home
- **Massie on fringes of American values** – called **16-day federal government shutdown** **“not a big deal”**

House Relaxes Federal Marijuana Laws, But Blocks Reform in D.C.

- **Maryland Rep. Andy Harris** could not stop decriminalization in Maryland, so tries here, where he is unaccountable to voters
- Norton says **racial impact** in D.C. demands change – **90 percent arrested are Black**, but both Whites and Blacks use marijuana at same rate
- Harris claims concern for youth, but **D.C. has health safe guards**

House relaxes marijuana laws for U.S., but not for D.C.

- Prohibits the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) from targeting medical marijuana operations in U.S. where they are legal
- Allows marijuana businesses access to financial services in U.S.



House GOP to DC: ‘Guns OK, but Pot Dangerous’

U.S. News & World Report – 7/18/2014

...the White House is on D.C.’s side!
Supports “the principle of States’ rights and of District home rule”

Norton Keeps Anti-Home-Rule Bills from Passage

- **Senate bill to eliminate D.C.’s gun laws**
- **Ban on abortions** after 20 weeks in D.C.
- **Making permanent** the annual appropriations **rider barring D.C. from spending local funds on abortions for low-income women**
- Sense of **Senate Resolution** that Congress should **ban abortions in D.C. after 20 weeks**

Norton Fights Anti-Union, Anti-Home-Rule Bill in House and Senate

- Norton **opposes prohibitions** on both federal and D.C. governments **from deducting union dues from worker paychecks**
- Sees **possibility of eliminating anti-home-rule D.C. provision** after speaking with Members

Norton Supports “D.C. No Taxation Without Representation Way”

- Norton thanks D.C. Council for new **bill designating street fronting Capitol**
- Portion of First Street NE/SE between Constitution Avenue NE and Independence Avenue SE. **City has jurisdiction over First Street NE/SE**

Norton Still Succeeding in Protecting Budget Autonomy from Overturn in Congress

- Norton got **Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Whip Steny Hoyer to oppose the filing of an amicus brief seeking to overturn budget autonomy referendum** by top Republican and Democratic Leadership
- Council **has appealed** U.S. District Court decision overturning budget autonomy referendum **to U.S. Court of Appeals**

President's LGBT Job Discrimination Executive Order (EO) is Like President Roosevelt's Job Anti-Discrimination Executive Order

Only federal contract workers covered

- ❖ **First federal prohibition** on LGBT discrimination – sexual orientation and gender identity **job discrimination barred**
- ❖ **Similar to FDR's 1941 EO 8802**
 - FDR EO **barred race and national origin discrimination** in federal government and defense industries
 - Like Obama's EO, FDR's EO came before Congress passed legislation
- ❖ **LGBT job anti-discrimination legislation for all U.S. sectors would be enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Norton once led**



Norton Gets Attorney General Holder to Speak on *Historic Sentence Reductions at House Congressional Caucus on Black Men and Boys Forum*

Norton and Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL) Co-Chair the New Caucus

- *New sentence guidelines could reduce sentences of 50,000 non-violent drug offenders*
- *New prosecutor policy: No blanket mandatory minimums for low level drug crimes*

Norton Seeks Resident Input for More Reform of Inmate Phone Call Rates

Email [your experience...](#)

*Visit www.norton.house.gov/contact/email-me to email your *experience* with the *new inmate phone call reforms and suggestions for improvements!**

- ✓ **Norton chaired Congressional Black Caucus Working Group that helped get cost of inmate prison calls significantly reduced last year**
- ✓ **Spoke at Federal Communications Commission (FCC) forum on further inmate call reform in July**

Obama July EO issued includes

key components of Norton's ROSIE Act for Federal Contract Workers

- Norton bill provides first comprehensive **workplace protections for federal contract workers**
- Employers seeking federal contracts must demonstrate compliance with workplace protection laws – including laws governing **labor relations, wages and hours, and health and safety laws**

Norton Bill to Update Authority of Three Agencies Passes House: D.C. Courts, Public Defenders, and Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA)...Makes local justice process more efficient****

Norton Gets First Racial Profiling Bill Ever Passed by House

- Amendment bars racial profiling by recipients of federal transportation funding
- No funds to stop, investigate, detain or arrest people on highways based on physical background
- U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Justice: Blacks and Hispanics stopped at rates two to three times rate of Whites regardless of region or state
- After Norton remarks on House floor, amendment accepted unanimously by voice vote

Washington Football Team Name Found to be Racial Slur

D.C. loves team, not name



- Norton early leader to change name – cosponsor of **Non-Disparagement of Native American Persons or Peoples in Trademark Registration Act of 2013**
- Norton predicted victory because U.S. Patent and Trademark Office had earlier refused new patents for name as “derogatory”

Norton Gets Republican Co-Sponsor for Bill on Sexual Assaults on Airplanes

- Norton filed bill in March following reports of **sexual assaults on planes** landing at Dulles and elsewhere
- **Bill would require FBI to collect statistics, as it does for other crimes**

Norton Bill to Restore Federal Employee Due Process Rights Gets Senate Companion Bill and Bipartisan House and Senate Support

Norton bill to overturn court decision that could strip most federal employees of right to an appeal after removal from jobs

- ❖ At least **200,000 Defense Department employees** now affected by court decision
- ❖ Any position can be designated “**non-critical sensitive**” by agency head or designee

New Pay Discrimination E.O. Brings Enforceable Strategy for Federal Contractors

- ❖ For **first time**, federal contractors and subcontractors must submit **race and gender pay data on all employees**
- ❖ **Comprehensive data** will allow **effective targeting** of resources by enforcement agencies
- ❖ Also forbids **employer retaliation** if employee **discusses pay information** with colleagues or applicants

Norton, First Woman Chair of EEOC, a leader in Commemorating 50th Anniversary of 1964 Civil Rights Act

Norton Enforced Title VII of 1964 Act barring job discrimination

- Moderates Plenary Panel of House Members on legislative and enforcement challenges at **Mississippi Freedom Summer Commemoration**
- **Pillar of Justice Award from Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law** for work in civil rights in Congress and at Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Takes this serious subject to **Colbert Report...watch at www.norton.house.gov**

Norton Gets Results for the Community

Spring Valley Park Saved

- ❖ Norton told Army Corps of Engineers that **park created and maintained by the community, must be preserved**
- ❖ Gets Corps to put **groundwater testing well in roadway, not in Spring Valley community park**



Norton meets with D.C. Latino community leaders as almost 200 children come to D.C. from Central America. Wants pro bono help from D.C. Bar

Norton Gets Extension and an Extra Public Meeting on Virginia Avenue Tunnel

- ❖ Review period for Environment Impact Statement (EIS) **extended from 30 to 60 days with a second community meeting**
- ❖ Norton remains **concerned** about proximity of proposed construction to **homes and senior housing**
- ❖ **Asks for further delay to permit Council hearings**

Norton Tries New Way to Get Rachel Carson Trail named for Epic Environmental Pioneer

- Norton asks National Park Service's Jonathan Jarvis to use his administrative authority to **rename park from Canal Road to Van Ness Street as the "Rachel Carson Nature Trail"**
- Norton says **Wesley Heights, Foxhall Village, ANC 3D and Foxhall Community Citizens Association more than met the standard – submitted documents** that Carson did some work in Glover Park.
- Many communities not involved in NPS parks, but **this community attends to the trail** they want named for Carson

Norton Hosts National Park Service (NPS) Town Hall

- Norton NPS town halls have spurred public-private partnerships for playgrounds and community events
- Town Hall gets D.C. residents more involved in tailoring NPS parks to neighborhood needs and activities

Norton Prods Action for Long Delayed Rock Creek Park Trail

- ❖ Norton letter warned NPS that **federal funds could be lost if not obligated by end of 2015**
- ❖ Final environmental assessment **announced in June**
- ❖ Washington area bicyclists' **petition signed by 2,400 residents**

Norton Brings D.C. Postmaster, Unions, and Residents Together at Postal Service Roundtable

Email NortonEvents@mail.house.gov with "Post Office Improvement" in the subject line, and your local postal service suggestions will be forwarded directly to the D.C. Postmaster

- Norton roundtable served as a **problem-solving session to help improve postal service in D.C.**

Recommendations: Quarterly Postmaster meetings with ANCs and residents. Automated phone system for residents who need only routine information, such as operating hours, **freeing up customer service representatives to handle substantive issues.** Creating **Postal Ombudsman** to focus on recurring customer reports in order to detect patterns of service problems

- District residents discussed experiencing **local postal services issues** with customer service, after-dark mail delivery, lost and stolen mail, letter carrier safety, and responsiveness to customers' concerns

Norton Priority on WMATA Paying Off

- ✓ Sixth straight **\$150 million funding** – four more federal payments to reach **\$1.5 billion**
- ✓ **Norton bill** to restore **Mass Transit Commuter Tax Break** is in **Senate tax bill**
- ✓ In March, Norton Metro **Roundtable with WMATA CEO, unions, residents, and Tri-State Oversight Committee** focused on **long-term funding** of capital improvements, rider stability, and future financing of Metrobus and MetroAccess, including the Circulator



Norton calls for long-term funding of the Highway Trust Fund at the 3rd annual *Rally for Roads* press conference in front of the U.S. Capitol in June

Norton Goes After Union Station Traffic Mess

- Congested auto lines make **residents miss trains and buses**
- **Norton asks for new traffic pattern study and personnel** at Columbus Circle
- **Union Station planning new traffic management staff, reconfiguration of vehicle traffic, a short term (cell phone) parking area, and improved signage**

Norton Gets Increased Police at Sherman Circle

- **Trio of crimes** near Circle in July
- **Norton got increased frequency of U.S. Park Police at Circle** and intersection of Crittenden Street NW
- **Lights added** to Sherman Circle after Catholic University student killed in 2010

Residents Pay Highest Federal Taxes, But Get Stopped Using D.C. Driver's License

Some TSA Agents Still Don't Recognize D.C. Driver's License as Valid Identification

- Norton **got TSA to send agency-wide directive and ID briefing**
- Norton to hold **problem-solving session with TSA officials during the August Recess**

Trouble in the States?

- D.C. Resident could not buy alcohol in New Hampshire (NH) under NH state liquor laws because D.C. not listed among States
- NH Governor Maggie Hassan **updated list to include D.C.**

Norton Asks Administration for Remedies to Anti-Contraception Court Decision If Congress Refuses to Act

- **Supreme Court: Closely-held corporations** owned by fewer than five people with more than 50 percent of the outstanding stock **can refuse to fund some forms of contraception**
- Supreme Court said **government could fund**
- **Insurance companies instead of government** also could absorb costs, as with nonprofit religious organizations

**Norton Bill Sparks Resident Interest in D.C.'s Frederick Douglass Statue,
Including D.C. Visits to House Floor**



Norton with students from Richard Wright Public Charter School in front of Sojourner Truth statue

D.C. Residents Can Sit on House Floor!

Email Norton at

www.norton.house.gov/contact/email-me

- ❖ Norton arranges for schools and community group visits to Douglass, Sojourner Truth, MLK and other statues
- ❖ D.C. residents also go to **House floor** where bills are passed for discussion on House proceedings

Norton Small Business Fair Sets New Record



The June fair had 230 registrants, a new record. Annual Norton event at Convention Center offered free small business one-on-one advice from private and public sector experts and access to business-growing resources

*Pictured left: **Harry Wingo**, President of the **D.C. Chamber of Commerce**, **Christopher Murphy** of **Murphy's Auto Body Shop**, recipient of **Norton's 2014 D.C. Small Business of the Year award**, and **Norton***

Jobs! Help Census Bureau Count D.C.

Testing for 2020 Census
until September 2014

Temporary jobs at 1-888-480-1630

Norton Helps D.C. Seniors Keep Healthy at Annual Senior Legislative Day



Seniors get briefing on congressional issues and enjoy exercise, lunch, and music, and a tour of the newly remodeled Dunbar High School, Norton's alma mater, in July.

Seniors meet at a new location each year. Last year at African American Civil War Museum.

Norton helps demonstrate an exercise with William Yates, Associate Coordinator of Older Adults, YMCA

Norton Lunchtime Music on the Mall, Tuesdays and Thursdays Throughout the Summer

Norton's **Lunchtime Music on the Mall** uses local musicians and offers fun during lunch break! Part of her efforts to enliven the Mall. **Every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. near Smithsonian Station Metro**



Local musician, Jeff Cramer, performing with his bandmate at Lunchtime Music on the Mall

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Has your organization brought Norton to YOUR neighborhood?

Recent "**Norton in Your Neighborhood**" events featured conversations and latest information and analysis on what is happening in Congress affecting D.C. and the U.S.

Norton Gets Resident Feedback

- Brightwood Park Citizens Association
- Friends of Kingman Park Community Association
- Pleasant Plains Civic Association
- Bates Area Civic Association

Have your ANC or community organization sponsor a Norton in Your Neighborhood. To learn more, visit www.norton.house.gov or call Raven Reeder at (202) 408-9041

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