



Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton

Summer 2013

Unprecedented Momentum for D.C. Budget Autonomy and Statehood

Norton Elected Democratic Leader of Powerful Highways and Transit Subcommittee



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Norton with Vice President Biden, Nettie Douglass, the great-great-granddaughter of Frederick Douglass, her son, Kenneth Morris, and House and Senate leadership at a ceremony to receive D.C.'s Frederick Douglass statue in the U.S. Capitol, where it joined statues from the 50 states after a decade-plus fight against those who opposed a D.C. statue because of its symbolism of statehood

Norton's New Downtown District Office Open

90 K St. NE, Suite 100 Washington, D.C., located at the corner of 1st and K Streets, behind Union Station
(202) 408-9041

Watch for open house coming soon!

Annual Norton Job Fair

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – JOB FAIR

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

80+ Employers!

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!

Support Growing for D.C. Budget Autonomy and Statehood

- **Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) gives ringing endorsement** and announces his cosponsorship of the D.C. statehood bill **at Douglass statue unveiling** even though leaders rarely cosponsor bills
- **Senate hearing on D.C. statehood**, the first Senate hearing on statehood in years, announced by Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) for this year
- **Historic Senate Appropriations Committee-passed bill grants D.C. budget autonomy**, mirroring language in the President's budget, as requested by Norton
- **House Oversight and Government Reform Committee-passed bill**, sponsored by **Representative Darrell Issa (R-CA)**, has key elements of D.C. budget autonomy
- **No congressional action** taken against D.C. budget autonomy referendum

Norton Squashes Attacks on D.C. Home Rule

Norton Stops Republican Attacks Before They Even Occur

- Norton exposed Freshman Tea Party Representative Kerry Bentivolio's (R-MI) bill to ban traffic cameras only in D.C., before it was ever introduced – Bentivolio has not introduced it
- Representative Justin Amash (R-MI), last Congress, posted on Facebook his intention to introduce an anti-choice D.C. bill, and was outed nationally when Norton issued a press release. Amash did not introduce it

Post-20-week D.C.-only Abortion Ban Bill Defeated

- Abortion opponents move to national 20-week abortion ban bill

Fighting for Food Stamps



Norton takes Food Stamp Challenge: \$4.50 for food per day for one week to call attention to Republican cuts to food stamps. **Republican Farm Bill cuts** to food stamps were **defeated**, but Republicans then passed a **Farm Bill with no food stamp funds at all**. The fight to combat hunger goes on!

Norton Insists: Equal treatment of D.C. with state symbols in Library of Congress

- ▲ Wants the **D.C. seal added** to iconic Main Reading Room **stained glass windows** to join state seals
- ▲ Norton **found the D.C. seal in the Members of Congress Room**. Precedent for the D.C. seal in the Main Reading Room

Terrorist and Disaster Protection Staying in D.C., After Norton Letter

Senate Appropriations Committee **bars implementation** of Federal Emergency Management Agency proposal to move the Office of National Capital Region Coordination from D.C. to Pennsylvania, hundreds of miles from the region it is **required to protect**, affirming **objections raised in a Norton letter**

President's Budget and Senate Appropriations Committee Fund Top Norton D.C.

Priorities

- ✓ **\$35 million for DCTAG**, a **\$5 million increase** – Norton's **top education priority**
- ✓ **\$14.5 million for Combined Sewer Overflow Long-Term Control Plan** – Norton's **top environmental priority**
- ✓ **\$5 million for HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment**
- ✓ **\$9.8 million for D.C.-owned St. Elizabeths East Campus** in Ward 8

Two Norton Subcommittees Bring Jobs and Money to the City

Norton Elected Ranking Member of Highways and Transit Subcommittee

- Congresswoman in **prime position** to bring transportation – Metro, bus, streetcar, bridges, roads, and bikes – and environmental benefits to D.C. in **new surface transportation** reauthorization bill
- Keeps senior position on **Economic Development Subcommittee**, which has jurisdiction over federal construction and leasing in D.C.

Jobs and Revenue Coming to D.C. with Final Deal for Old Post Office Redevelopment

- **As Trump Organization signs 60-year lease, Norton's 15-year fight to redevelop the historic building ends in victory.** High-end hotel at 12th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. to bring revenue and tourists to D.C.

MLK Ave. in Ward 8 Poised for Development as First Federal Agency East of the Anacostia River Opens

- After securing **\$1.4 billion** for the U.S. **Coast Guard headquarters** on the St. Elizabeths campus, Norton and city officials cut the ribbon
- **Residents got a special tour** before the U.S. Coast Guard headquarters opened
- **Funds in president's budget and Senate bill** for more buildings at Department of Homeland Security headquarters complex on the St. Elizabeths campus

Norton's Recommendations Add Diversity to U.S. District Court Here

- **Six Norton U.S. district court judge** recommendations have been nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, with latest recommendation recently nominated
- Ketanji Brown Jackson is **only second African American woman** on U.S. district court here
- **President nominates** Norton's earlier recommendation, **Robert Wilkins**, now serving on the U.S. district court here, to the **U.S. Circuit Court** here

Many One-on-One Counselors and Specialists at Norton's Well-Attended Small Business Fair



Norton Fighting to Bring Back D.C. \$5,000 Homebuyer Tax Credit and Business Tax Incentives

- D.C. was only empowerment zone city not reauthorized this year. **With no Senators**, D.C. was not at the table
- Best hope for the bill is **the upcoming tax reform bill**

Bringing Issues Facing Black Men and Boys to the National Stage



- ▲ **Norton co-founded the Congressional Caucus on Black Men and Boys**
- ▲ **First event draws capacity crowd, national media, and a call for innovative ideas**
- ▲ **Trayvon Martin's father, Tracy Martin, the White House's David Johns, author, professor and TV contributor Michael Eric Dyson, and former Representative and NAACP President Kweisi Mfume featured**

Norton Fights for Fairness and the Rights of D.C. Residents

Federal Communications Commission Order for Lower Prison Phone Rates Follows Congressional Black Caucus Working Group Effort Led by Norton

- **Big step for prisoners** housed throughout the country and their families, paying exorbitant phone rates
- **D.C. residents Martha Wright and her grandson, Ulandis Forte, led 10-year fight** in the courts and at the FCC



Fighting for LGBT Rights

Norton officiated a wedding at the foot of the Capitol, and delivered remarks at Supreme Court rally before two court victories for **LGBT marriage rights**

Dr. Stephen Johnson and Dennis Kovanda exchange marriage vows

D.C. Treated as a State Under Violence Against Women Act

Funding increased from .25% to 1.5% of total appropriated

For the first time, D.C. was **treated as a state** for Sexual Assault Services Program funding under the Violence Against Women Act, signed into law

Standing Up for Low-Wage Workers in Federal Facilities



Norton, in front of Union Station, seeks decent wages for thousands of low-wage workers throughout the U.S. employed by federal contractors in many occupations, from sewing military uniforms to retail. Their employers, by paying low wages with no benefits, pass on the costs of health care, food stamps and other programs to taxpayers

Service Academy College Fair and Sendoff of New Academy Students Draws Record Crowd



▲ *Norton with Natalie Anne Herbert, homeschooled D.C. resident accepted at all three major Academies. She chose West Point*

▲ Students, parents and residents from **public, private and charter schools had one-on-one meetings** with Academy representatives

▲ **This year's six appointees include two young women and four young men** – Albert "Jackson" George Wilkinson Biddle, IV (U.S. Military Academy/St. Albans School), Jacob Arthur Bishop (U.S. Military Academy/St. Albans School), Tess Jung Heimerman (U.S. Coast Guard Academy/Bishop O'Connell School), Patrick Anlon McGuigan (U.S. Naval Academy/Gonzaga College High School), Natalie Anne Herbert (U.S. Military Academy/homeschool and School Without Walls), and Roy Wallace Seitz-McLeese (U.S. Naval Academy/The Field School)

Living Up the Mall at Lunchtime - Noon – 1:00 p.m.

▲ **Lunchtime Music on the Mall** takes place **every Tuesday and Thursday** during the good weather months

▲ **Artists from D.C.** and the region provide entertainment for workers and tourists on **Madison Dr. SW, between 4th and 7th Streets**, directly across from the steps of the **National Gallery of Art**

Norton Speaks at Capitol Celebration for Nelson Mandela's 95th Birthday

Norton, one of the four people whose visit to the South African Embassy in 1984 led to serial protest arrests and the sanctions that brought down the South African apartheid government, read from Mandela's last speech before the United Nations

National Dance Day's First Year at the Kennedy Center Draws Huge Crowd



Norton with Joshua Allen, previous winner of Nygel Lythgoe's "So You Think You Can Dance"

The Kennedy Center and Lythgoe's Dizzy Feet Foundation, in conjunction with Norton, sponsored the fourth annual National Dance Day, with **dance performances and audience participation** on the Kennedy Center Plaza all afternoon and evening

Norton introduced a **resolution to designate the last Saturday in July as National Dance Day** to celebrate dance as a form of exercise and art

Has your organization brought Norton to YOUR neighborhood?

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

- ANC 2A
- ANC 4A
- Hillcrest Community Civic Association
- Brightwood Park Citizens Association

Have your ANC or community organization sponsor a Norton in Your Neighborhood.

To learn more, visit <http://norton.house.gov> or call Raven Reeder at (202) 408-9041

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