

Congresswoman

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Norton Already Challenging New House Majority On Rollback of D.C. Rights



Norton, DC Vote Executive Director Ilir Zherka (l) and Mayor Vincent Gray (r) speak to residents on the Hill before the new House majority eliminated D.C.'s vote in the Committee of the Whole.

Forces House Vote, Then Goes for Votes for D.C.! — See Page 2

First Bills of the Session — Statehood, House and Senate Votes, and House Vote — Signal Residents' Determination to Never Give Up on their Rights — See Page 2



Latest statistics show D.C. residents getting jobs and small business contracts at DHS headquarters construction site. — See Page 3

Annual Norton Tax & Financial Services Fair

FOR D.C. RESIDENTS ONLY!

FREE!

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Walter E. Washington Convention Center

801 Mount Vernon Place

Between 7th and 9th Streets NW

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Come If You File 1040, 1040-A, 1040-EZ, DC D40 or D40-EZ 2010 forms only.

Financial Services Offered

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

Please Note! If you have income from rental property, partnerships, small business corporations, estates and trusts, or stocks/bonds sales or if you are self-employed, please seek assistance from a paid tax preparer.

What You Need to Bring ...

- ★ Photo ID
- ★ W-2
- ★ Forms 1098 & 1099
- ★ Itemized deductions
- ★ 2009 tax returns
- ★ A blank check for direct deposit
- ★ Social Security card for you, your spouse and any dependents
- ★ First-time homebuyers must bring settlement statement

And May Qualify for ...

- ★ Federal & D.C.-only Homebuyer Tax Credit
- ★ Earned Income Tax Credit
- ★ Child & Dependent Care Tax Credits
- ★ Education Tax Credit and many more

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: D.C. Circulator; Metro bus routes 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 2011 Priority: Move D.C. Forward, Not Backward

Meets First Challenge Head-On in Elimination of D.C.'s Committee of the Whole Vote

- * Norton takes action **months in advance** to retain D.C.'s vote.
- * Mayor and Norton attend Democracy Day on the Hill to retain vote.
- * House Republican majority strips D.C.'s vote from new House rules.
- * Nevertheless, Norton forces an **open protest vote on House floor** as **first recorded legislative vote** of the 112th Congress.

Norton Asks President to Put His Support for D.C. Budget Autonomy in His Budget, As the Prior Administration Did

- * Writes President and has discussions with **Office of Management and Budget**.
- * Requests language similar to **Bush Administration budgets** in 2004, 2005, and 2006: **"The Administration supports budget autonomy for D.C. to allow D.C.'s budget to go into effect without prior Congressional approval."**

Three D.C. Democracy Bills Supported by Residents in Community Conversations in All Eight Wards are Norton's First Bills of 112th Congress

Although the new House majority may not allow D.C. democracy bills to reach House floor, these bills are markers for Norton's continuing pursuit of the rights of the citizens of the District of Columbia.

D.C. Has Made Progress Using Three Different Approaches Reintroduced This Year

- * **2009:** Bill to give D.C. a House vote **passes in Senate**, after **passing House** in 2007.
- * **2002:** Bill to give D.C. House **and** Senate votes passes Senate committee, but not considered on Senate floor.
- * **1993:** Statehood bill had **first-ever Congressional vote**. Two-thirds of House Democrats voted "yes" for the New Columbia Admission Act. Bill was not considered by Senate.



Norton looks on as President Obama in the Oval Office signs her Bill renaming D.C.'s Historic Post Office at Union Station in honor of Dr. Dorothy I. Height.

Norton Priority Bills the New House Majority Should Like

Make D.C. an International Financial Center

- * Make **D.C. a special tax-exempt jurisdiction** for catastrophic insurance reserves.
- * Bring **U.S. money home** from tax-free offshore jurisdictions.
- * Insurance companies to establish offices here and **hire D.C. residents**.

Legislative Autonomy

PROBLEM — Automatic holds placed on all D.C. legislation often means **many months of delay** before D.C. laws become final, forcing needless operational burdens on city government.

STATUS OF REQUIREMENT — Never used by Congress.

WHY ELIMINATE REQUIREMENT? —

Discarded by Congress in favor of use of appropriations riders to overturn D.C. laws, but **never eliminated**. D.C.

encounters great difficulty keeping critical D.C. legislation alive during lengthy delays.

Permanent Authorization of U.S. Parole Commission

- * **Unique jurisdiction** over D.C. Code felons gives Commission permanent **public safety responsibilities**.
- * All other federal law enforcement agencies are **permanently authorized**.
- * Three-year authorizations have put Commission **procedures and inmate rights at risk**, according to federal courts.

Home Rule Charter Changes

WHAT — Changes in D.C. government structure and procedures that only Congress can make, such as **reducing waiting periods before special elections** can be held to fill Council vacancies.

SOLUTION — House majority has expressed interest in leaving many of these procedural and structural changes to D.C.

Federal Employee Disability Insurance Bill at No Cost to Government

WHAT — **Employee-financed** insurance to fill gaps for some federal employees who do not get non-work-related **disability benefits**.

WHY — Provides insurance in case of an **unexpected illness**. Many federal employees buy this insurance and would **pay less** if purchased as part of a **larger group** of federal employees.

STATUE FOR D.C. — Placing at least one **D.C. statue** in the U.S. Capitol. Passed by House last year with help from **Republican co-sponsor**.

Norton Scores Major Breakthroughs on D.C. Equality and Economic Development in 111th Congress

More Equality

Removal of Anti-Self-Government Attachments to Allow D.C. to Spend Local Funds Like Other U.S. Jurisdictions

- * Needle exchange program to stem HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- * Medical marijuana for the seriously ill.
- * Reproductive choice for low-income women.

Norton's Senatorial Courtesy Recommendations Get Nod from President and Senate



2011 & 2010 Senate approves Norton's recommendations to President. U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia,

Ronald Machen, U.S. District Court judges for the District of Columbia, Robert Wilkins and Beryl Howell, and U.S. Marshal for the District of Columbia, Edwin D. Sloane. Approved by committee and on way to Senate floor for U.S. District Court judges, James "Jeb" E. Boasberg and Amy Berman Jackson.

2009 Norton recommendation for U.S. Parole Commission Chair, Isaac Fulwood, approved.

- * Norton commends 17-member Federal Law Enforcement Nominating Commission of residents from every ward for quality of candidates forwarded, from which she makes her decisions.



Norton stops at the DHS headquarters construction site in Ward 8 to investigate progress and hiring of D.C. workers.

More Economic Development

Eight-Year Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Project Meeting Goals for D.C. Hiring and Small Businesses During Its Start-Up Year

- ▲ **D.C. Workers**
Apprentices — 33%
Truck Drivers — 70%
- ▲ **D.C. Small Business Contractors** — 30%
- ▲ **Total Workers** — 25% of Workers on Project are D.C. Residents

Hiring in 2011 to rehab 15 additional federal buildings.

- * Federal law allows local outreach but requires hiring from other areas as well.

Norton's Other Economic Development Projects Underway

- * **Hill East** — Norton pushes valuable federal land in her land transfer bill across finish line to D.C. ownership.
- * **CityMarket at O Street** — Norton steps in to stop HUD's holdup and gets project released for groundbreaking.
- * **Yards Park** — Rises from pages of Norton's Southeast Federal Center Public-Private Development Act.
- * First indoor intercity bus service at Union Station.
- * Norton clears final hurdles for transfer of federal land for Fort Dupont Youth Baseball Academy.

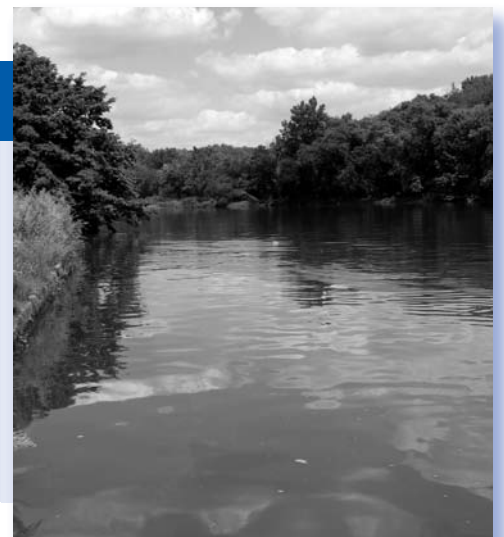
Norton Makes Good Use of Lame-Duck Congress to Benefit D.C. Pocketbooks

Brings back unique \$5,000 D.C. homebuyer and business tax credits

- * **For D.C. Homebuyers:** Home prices low enough today to stimulate home purchases and help both D.C. residents and economy.
- * **For Jobs and Small Businesses:** New round of business tax incentives, including 15 percent wage credit for every D.C. resident hired or onboard. Helps D.C. workers and small businesses alike.

Norton's Focus on the Anacostia River Gets Results

- * Rollout of 10-year plan to restore the Anacostia River, required by Norton's Anacostia Watershed Development Act.
- * Transfer of environment-rich Kingman and Heritage Islands to D.C. for recreation and protection of the Anacostia River.
- * Norton gets \$5.8 million for levee construction along the Potomac River to relieve Southwest homeowners and downtown businesses of flood insurance costs.





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Norton Tax Fair—Saturday, February 26th

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Norton Successful in Moving Some D.C. Code Felons Home From Federal Prisons for Greater Access to Family and Improved Reentry

▲ **Juveniles** convicted as adults now held in D.C. Jail instead of North Dakota facility.

▲ D.C. Code felons with fewer than 6 months or weekend sentences now housed at D.C. Jail.

▲ Norton's long-term goal: Convert an existing facility near D.C. for male and female D.C. Code felons instead of sending them to 115 facilities in 33 states.

Norton Ensures \$50 Million in Annual Savings for D.C. Taxpayers in New Healthcare Law

Norton focused on relieving D.C. of \$50 million annually for Healthcare Alliance, now picked up by new healthcare reform law.

Are You Taking Advantage of New Healthcare Benefits Already in Effect?

- * Parents can now cover their children up to age 26.
- * Children with pre-existing conditions can't be denied coverage.
- * Coverage for adults with pre-existing conditions available in high-risk pool.
- * \$250 rebate for seniors who hit prescription drug limit donut hole.

NORTON'S ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS FAIR

How to develop a business plan, find loans and resources, and contract with the federal government. New Small Business Administration opportunities for your business.

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Walter E. Washington Convention Center * 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Government-to-Go Coming to Your Neighborhood

Get answers and information on federal programs and policy, such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and other federal benefits.

March 2011

- 3/1 Naylor Road One Stop Center, 2626 Naylor Rd., SE, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- 3/3 Trivoli Square Giant Supermarket, 1345 Park Rd., NW, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 3/10 Safeway Supermarket, 415 14th St., SE, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 3/15 Sarah's Circle – Senior Center, 2551 17th St. NW, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- 3/22 Philip T. Johnson – Senior Center, 3440 Minnesota Ave., SE, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

April 2011

- 4/5 Barney Senior Center, 5656 A 3rd St., NE, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- 4/7 Giant Supermarket, 1414 8th St., NW, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 4/14 Safeway Supermarket, 401 M St., SW, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 4/21 Safeway Supermarket, 2845 Alabama Ave., SE, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 4/26 One Stop Veterans, 1722 I St., NW, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

May 2011

- 5/3 Franklin One Stop Career Center,

1500 Franklin St., NE, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

- 5/5 Safeway Supermarket, 490 L St., NW, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 5/12 Safeway Supermarket, 415 14th St., SE, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 5/19 Giant Supermarket, 1050 Brentwood Rd., NE, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

June 2011

- 6/7 Naylor One Stop Center, 2626 Naylor Rd., SE, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- 6/16 Safeway Supermarket, 5545 Connecticut Ave., NW, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Help Coming NORTON'S ANNUAL JOB FAIR Thursday, June 2, 2011

Meet with Recruiters Representing more than 100 Public- and Private-Sector Employers with Confirmed Job Openings.

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10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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