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Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS® announces endorsements in D.C. Primary Election

Local REALTOR® association endorses candidates in District of Columbia races

Washington, D.C. – The Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS® (GCAAR)’s Political and Campaign Affairs Committee (PCAC) has endorsed eight candidates who are running to serve on the Council of the District of Columbia and as D.C. Mayor in the June 16 primary.

During the past four months, the PCAC reviewed questionnaires and interviewed 17 candidates, selecting those whom they felt best represent the local real-estate industry.

The 2026 election is the first time [ranked-choice voting](#) is being implemented in the District of Columbia. Among GCAAR’s endorsed candidates are two Democrats for Council At-Large, where the new voting procedure will be beneficial given voters can rank both candidates on their ballots.

“GCAAR’s PCAC thoroughly vetted each candidate to ensure they have a demonstrated commitment to collaborating with the housing industry and making housing that is affordable a reality,” said GCAAR President-elect M. Jacqueline Bennett. “We are grateful to the PCAC for their time and expertise.”

At this time, GCAAR has only endorsed democratic and independent candidates. The PCAC will again evaluate candidates from all parties for endorsement in the general election.

The endorsements are as follows.

D.C. Mayor: **Kenyan McDuffie**

Council of the District of Columbia:

- Chairman (D): **Phil Mendelson**
- Ward 1 (D): **Jackie Reyes Yanes**
- Ward 3 (D): **Matthew Frumin**
- Ward 6 (D): **Charles Allen**
- Council At-Large (D): **Kevin Chavous**
- Council At-Large (D): **Lisa Raymond**
- Council At-Large (I): **Doni Crawford**

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The leaders representing Wards 2,4,7 and 8 are not up for election in 2026. GCAAR's PCAC did not endorse a candidate for Ward 5, as the candidate did not respond to GCAAR's questionnaire.

Additionally, the PCAC voted to endorse **Democrats United to Free D.C.**, which is the committee by law that fills the vacancies left open by Democratic legislators who leave their posts. Given two sitting Democratic D.C. Councilmembers are running for higher office, it is possible that there will be an open position, and this committee will appoint a qualified candidate to fill it.

Details about each endorsement can be found on GCAAR's website at gcaar.com/endorsements.

About GCAAR

The Greater Capital Area Association of REALTORS®, one of the largest local REALTOR® associations in the U.S., is the voice for REALTORS® in Washington, D.C. and Montgomery County, Maryland. Representing more than 11,000 real estate professionals in the greater capital area, GCAAR provides services vital to its members' daily business needs and works with lawmakers to ensure public policy that encourages homeownership and supports the real estate industry. For more information, visit www.GCAAR.com.

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