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MONTHLY MEETING*

October 24, 2011

Israel Baptist Church
Washington, DC

Agenda:

- I. Quorum Call
- II. Swearing-in
- III. Brief Welcome/Greetings from Ward 5 Councilman Harry Thomas and DCDCS Chair Anita Bonds
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Brief Discussion on Committees Structure
- VI. Discussion on Upcoming Ethics Hearing - possible Ward 5 Dems resolution
- VII. 2012 Goals and Objectives - Speakers - Precinct Captains
- VIII. Update on DNC and DCDCS Election/Caucus Schedule
- IX. Fundraisers
- X. 2012 Meeting Locations – Next meeting – November 28, 2011, Israel Baptist Church

*Unless indicated otherwise, all meetings of the Ward 5 Democratic Committee are held on the 4th Monday of each month.

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on Government Operations
Notice of Public Hearing
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004

COUNCILMEMBER MURIEL BOWSER, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Announces A Public Hearing

On

B19-0352: Campaign Finance Accountability and Reform Amendment Act of 2011

B19-0353: Campaign Finance Reporting Amendment Act of 2011

B19-0358: Ethics and Accountability Act of 2011

B19-0359: Ethics and Accountability Task Force Act of 2011

**B19-473: Prohibition on Corporate and Lobbyist Giving to Public Officials Reform
Amendment Act of 2011**

B19-478: Fundraising Accountability and Reform Amendment Act of 2011

B19-481: Consecutive Term Limit Amendment Act of 2011

B19-482: Full-Time Employment for Council Members Charter Amendment Act of 2011

B19- 490: Lobbying, Finance, and Grant making Reform Amendment Act of 2011

And

**B19-511: Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Public Disclosure
Amendment Act of 2011**

On

Wednesday, October 26, 2011
10:30 A.M.
Room 500
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

Councilmember Muriel Bowser, Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, announces a public hearing on nine measures related to ethics reform in the District of Columbia: B19-0352: Campaign Finance Accountability and Reform Amendment Act of 2011; B19-0353: Campaign Finance Reporting Amendment Act of 2011; B19-0358: Ethics and Accountability Act of 2011; B19-0359: Ethics and Accountability Task Force Act of 2011; B19-473: Prohibition on Corporate and Lobbyist Giving to Public Officials Reform Amendment Act of 2011; B19-478: Fundraising Accountability and Reform Amendment Act of 2011; B19-481: Consecutive Term Limit Amendment of 2011; B19-482: Full-Time Employment for Council Members Charter Amendment Act of 2011; B19-490: Lobbying, Finance, and Grant making Reform Amendment Act of 2011. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 10:30 A.M., in Room 500, of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

B19-0352: Campaign Finance Accountability and Reform Amendment Act of 2011 would amend the District of Columbia Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Act to create and establish filing and reporting requirements for transition committees, and to regulate termination donations from a constituent services fund; and amend of the District of Columbia Campaign Contribution Limitation Initiative of 1992 to prohibit bundling of campaign contributions from subsidiary corporation.

B19-0353: Campaign Finance Reporting Amendment Act of 2011 would amend the District of Columbia Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Act to require principal campaign committee reporting requirements in the year preceding the date of an election.

B19-0358: Ethics and Accountability Act of 2011 would establish the Committee on Ethics and Accountability to ensure the professional and financial integrity of Elected Officials, which will consist of the Chairman of the Board of Elections and Ethics, the Director of the Office of Campaign Finance, the Attorney General of the Office of the Attorney General, the Inspector General of the Office of the Inspector General, the Auditor of the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, and as the alternate, the Chief Financial Officer of the Office of the Chief Financial Officer to provide ethical guidance, have investigative authority, subpoena power, and the power to impose penalties and make referrals for civil or criminal investigations; to establish a Code of Ethics; to require rolling publication of lobbyist registration, to add disclosure of business relationships between lobbyists and public officials; to prohibit the use of the official position to obtain financial gain for a not-for-profit entity with which he or she is affiliated, to add additional financial disclosure requirements, and to require disclosure of external fundraising activities; and to amend the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act to require that new District employees receive an ethics manual and ethics training, and that employees receive bi-annual ethics training.

B19-0359: Ethics and Accountability Task Force Act of 2011 would establish an ethics and accountability task force which will consist of seven members, the Chairman of the Board of Elections and Ethics, the Director of the Office of Campaign Finance, the Attorney General of the Office of the Attorney General, Special Counsel for Ethics in the Office of the Attorney General; the Inspector General of the Office of the Inspector General, the Auditor of the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor; and the Chief Financial Officer of the Office of the Chief

Financial Officer to identify and assess the professional and financial integrity guidelines for elected officials serving the residents of the District of Columbia; review the ethics provisions for elected officials, review best practices nationally; draft a Code of Ethics for elected officials and an Elected Official Annual Certification document to establish their compliance with the Code of Ethics, District laws, and the rules, regulations, or policies of the Board of Elections and Ethics, and the Office of Campaign Finance; set penalties for ethical violations; and make findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Council.

B19-473: Prohibition on Corporate and Lobbyist Giving to Public Officials Reform Amendment Act of 2011 would amend the District of Columbia Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Act to prohibit lobbyists from providing free or discounted legal representation to elected officials, to require elected officials to disclose the receipt of any free or discounted legal representation, to reduce the amount allowed to be raised by elected officials for constituent services programs, to prohibit corporations with existing and pending contracts from contributing to constituent services programs; and amend of the District of Columbia Campaign Contribution Limitation Initiative of 1992 to prohibit lobbyists and registrants from making contributions to political campaigns and constituent services funds.

B19-478: Fundraising Accountability and Reform Amendment Act of 2011 would amend the District of Columbia Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Act to create and establish filing and reporting requirements for transition committees and inaugural committees, to redefine citizen-service programs and restrict expenditures for such programs; and to create and establish filing and reporting requirements for legal defense committees.

B19-481: Consecutive Term Limit Amendment of 2011 would amend the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to establish term limits on the elected office of the Mayor, the Chairman, the Council, the Board of Education, and the Attorney General to no more than two consecutive 4-year terms.

B19-482: Full-Time Employment for Council Members Charter Amendment Act of 2011 would amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to establish full-time employment for the 15 elected members of the Council

B19-490: Lobbying, Finance, and Grant making Reform Amendment Act of 2011 would require that grant guidelines include a requirement that grant applicants submit a signed certification disclosing any personal or business relationships with the Mayor, members of the Council, or their immediate families; to reduce the yearly amount authorized to be raised and spent for Citizen-Service programs; to increase the reporting requirements on Citizen-Service programs; to prohibit the donation of Citizen-Service program monies upon termination of the program to any non-profits controlled by the terminating official, personal or committee staff, or immediate family; to prohibit candidates from being the treasurer of a political committee or principal campaign committee; to amend the definition of business; to require rolling submission and publication of lobbyist registrations; to require additional disclosures and reporting by registered lobbyists regarding business and professional services relationships with public officials and their personal or committee staff, communications, and registrant status disclosure; to prohibit the use of certain fee-for-services provided by registered lobbyists to public officials whom they

regularly lobby; to prohibit contingency-based compensation for lobbyists; to require lobbyists identify clients on whose behalf they are communicating when asked by a public official; to add disclosure of business relationships between lobbyists and public officials; to establish restrictions, cures, and penalties on contributions from certain persons, businesses, or contractors, immediate family and affiliates that currently have or intend to seek a contract to provide goods or services to the District of Columbia government; to prohibit the use of an official position to obtain financial gain for a not-for-profit entity with which a public official is associated; to require disclosure of external fundraising activities; to include limited liability companies under campaign contribution limitations; to prohibit grant awardees who fail to disclose any personal or business relationships with the Mayor, members of the Council, or their immediate families from receiving sub-grants; to require Council approval of all grants over \$500,000 in a fiscal year; and to require the Mayor and members of the Council to submit a signed certification regarding any personal or business relationships with potential grant awardees to certain officials.

The Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Public Disclosure Amendment Act of 2011 was introduced on Tuesday, October 4th by Councilmember Bowser. The bill would amend section 602 of the Campaign Finance Reform and Conflict of Interest Act of 1974, approved Aug. 14, 1974 (88 Stat. 467; D.C. Official Code § 1-1106.02) to require Councilmembers, the Mayor, and Council staff to disclose relationships with entities whether or not doing business with the District in which such person or his or her spouse, domestic partner, or dependent children has earned income in the amount of \$200 or more, holds assets in the amount of \$1,000 or more, or has an outstanding liability in the amount of \$1,000 or more.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify at the public hearing are asked to telephone Judah Gluckman, Legislative Counsel to the Committee on Government Operations, at (202) 724-8025, or via e-mail at jgluckman@dccouncil.us and furnish their names, addresses, telephone numbers, and organizational affiliation, if any, by the close of business Monday, October 24, 2011. Persons presenting testimony may be limited to 3 minutes in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Committee on Government Operations, Council of the District of Columbia, Suite 113 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004.

2012 Delegate Selection in the District of Columbia

September 3-7, 2012, Democrats from all across America will come together in Charlotte, North Carolina for the 46th Democratic National Convention.

Many from the District of Columbia will be there.

Will you be there as a District of Columbia Delegate or Observer?

This unparalleled event will present our Party's nominees for president and vice president and highlight the hard work Democrats have done towards a strong and leading America. The 2012 National Convention will put our presidential nominee on the path to victory in the November 2012 general election. The following brief overview explains how delegates to the National Convention are selected and tips that individuals should be aware of in order to run for a delegate position.

I. National Rules and State Plans

A. A plan describing how delegates are chosen is written by each of the 50 state Democratic Parties (plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and Democrats Abroad). These "Delegate Selection Plans" must comply with rules adopted by the National Party that provide guidelines to ensure a fair and open process.

B. Each plan indicates exactly how delegates are to be selected in that state (or other jurisdiction) – including specific information about what, where, and when to file to run for a delegate position. These plans were forwarded to the National Party in spring 2011 for review and to ensure compliance with the Party's rules. The District of Columbia Delegate Selection Plan was forwarded and found in compliance by the DNC Joint Committee of Bylaws and Rules Committee in August 2011. The District received its compliance letter from the DNC in September 2011.

C. In order to ensure representation by the various constituencies, states began conducting educational and outreach training on the process September 16, 2011. If you know of an organized group that might be interested in receiving a presentation on the delegate plan, please contact Lillian Perdomo at 202/328-3194, Lillianperdomo1@gmail.com or James Berry at 202/380-8658, jamojam@msn.com or Tania Jackson at 202/355-8998, create_communitas@yahoo.com.

D. Basic Information About the Delegate Selection Plan:

1. The National Convention **delegations are equally divided between men and women.**
2. The "states" are **encouraged to include delegation representation in proportion to the population of the state, members of the disabled community, Latino community, Asian and Pacific Islanders community, Native American community, African American community, GLBT community, young and aged Democrats.**

E. Basic Rules Governing the Delegate Selection Process:

- **Participation** in the delegate selection process is **open to all** Democratic voters who wish to participate as long as they are registered to vote in the District. Therefore, at the time of voting, one must already be or must register as a Democratic voter in the District of Columbia.
- In the District of Columbia, **DC Democrats that wish to serve as National Convention delegates must compete in a Pre-Primary Caucus on March 3, 2012.** In order to be a candidate on March 3, one must be a registered DC Democrat on or before February 17, 2012.
- **The Presidential candidates must approve those that wish to serve as their delegates.**

- **At the Pre-primary Caucus (March 3, 2012) the delegate-candidates will be ranked according to the number of votes they receive.** Therefore the candidate receiving the most votes shall be ranked as #1 and so on.
- **During the Pre-primary Caucus the Democratic voters will divide into 2 main groups – those that reside in Wards 1, 2, 6 and 8 or CD #1 and those that reside in Wards 3, 4, 5 and 7 or CD #2 for the purpose of electing delegate-nominees.** The two groups will meet separately to “elect” or make their choices. In the event that there is more than one Democratic presidential candidate, additional space will be available for that purpose.
- **In order for one to win a delegate –nominee position, one’s presidential candidate must win at least 15% of the populous vote in the Democratic Presidential Primary on April 3, 2012.** Presidential candidates that win 15% of the vote in the April 3 primary will win a delegate.
- **The results of the April 3, 2012 Presidential Primary shall determine the order of designation of the DC delegates, and is therefore the “first determining step” in the DC Delegate Selection Process. Subsequent determination** of delegates and members of the DC Delegation to the 2012 Democratic National Convention occur on May 3 (election of PLEO and At-large Delegates) and June 7, 2012 (selection of members of the national convention standing committees and the DC delegation chair.

II. Information and Outreach

Anyone interested in becoming a delegate can obtain a copy of the DC plan by contacting the District of Columbia Democratic State Committee at (202) 714-3368 or e-mailing one of the following DC party officials or to have a representative of the DC State Party present the plan at your next community meeting:

James Berry, Co-chair, Affirmative Action Committee	jamojam@msn.com
Lillian Perdomo, Co-chair, Affirmative Action Committee	lillianperdomo1@gmail.com
Tania Jackson, DCDSC Communications Director	create_communitas@yahoo.com
Donald Dinan, Chairman, Delegate Plan Drafting Committee	ddinan@ralaw.com
Anita Bonds, Chair, State Party	dcbonsa@yahoo.com

III. Summary of the DC 2012 Plan

The DC Plan allows for the selection of a delegation of 44 Delegates and 2 Alternates to the national convention (see chart below):

SUMMARY of the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 2012 DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES SELECTION PLAN

<i>Delegate Category</i>	<i>Number of Delegates</i>			<i>Election Date</i>	<i>Electing Body</i>	<i>Filing Deadline</i>
DISTRICT-LEVEL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES						
STEP #1 Pledged District-Level Delegates and Alternates (1)	14			4/3/12	Voters at Pre-primary Caucus on 3/3/2012	2/20/12 with DC State Committee; <i>Presidential ... approval deadline: 2/24/12</i>
"Voting" District #1 (Wards 1, 2, 6, and 8)	4 Males	3 Females	1 Female Alternate	<i>In the event that a qualifying presidential candidate receive delegates based upon the 4/3/12 results, but fails to slate a sufficient number of candidates in the 3/3/12 Pre-primary Caucus, the DC State Party shall select such delegates (that file by 4/17/12 and are approved by presidential candidate by 4/23/12) at May 3, 2012 meeting of the DCDCS.</i>		
"Voting" District #2 (Wards 3, 4, 5, and 7)	3 Males	4 Females		<i>The State Party will certify the elected District-level delegates and alternates to the DNC on 4/20/12.</i>		
STEP #2 Pledged PLEO (Party Add-on) Delegates	3	Individuals are eligible for election in this order, if a Democrat, includes 1) the Council Chairman and citywide elected officials, 2) Ward level elected officials and party leaders Results of election shall be certified to the DNC on 5/13/12.		5/3/2012	State Committee following Presidential...right of review deadline: 4/17/1.	4/12/12 with the DC State Committee, file statement of candidacy and signed pledge of support; forms available April 4-6, 2012.
STEP #3 Pledged At-Large Delegates and Alternates (1)	5	All registered DC Democrats, and as much as possible, with emphasis on the selection of individuals that represent under-represented constituencies to fulfill the state affirmative action goals. Results certified to the DNC on 5/7/12.		5/3/2012	State Committee following Presidential...right of approval of 2 names/ position by deadline : 4/17/12	4/12/12 with the DC State Committee, file statement of candidacy and signed pledge of support; forms available April 4-6, 2012.
UNPLEDGED DELEGATES						
STEP #4: Unpledged DNC Members	17	Includes DC members of the DNC – Party Chair and Vice Chair (2), National Committeeman and National Committeewoman (2) , and At-large members of the DNC that reside in the District of Columbia		N/A Automatic Delegates	Unpledged Delegates must file signed pledge of support by 6/7/12 with the State Party Chair; within 10 days after the completion of the Delegate Selection Process, the State Chair shall convey the presidential preference of the state's unpledged delegates (6/17/12).	
STEP #5: Members of Congress and Democratic Governor	4	DC Democratic member of the US House of Representatives (1) and DC Statehood Senators (2) that "shall be treated as US Senators" and the DC Mayor/Governor (1).		N/A Automatic Delegates	Not later than 3/1/12, the DC State Chair shall be officially notified by the DNC Secretary of the names of the Unpledged Delegates.	
Total Delegates Alternates	44 2					

VI. Types of Delegates

Each state is allocated a certain number of delegates to the convention, based on its population and Democratic voting strength. There are several types of delegates, which are briefly described below:

- A. ***“Pledged District-Level “Delegate: the first category of Delegates to be selected.*** A majority of the District’s delegates are elected at the district-level. Each district-level delegate candidate must file in person a statement of candidacy designating his/her presidential preference and a signed pledge of support with the DCDCS by 2/17/12. The election of the Delegates and Alternate will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Pre-Primary Caucus in the District of Columbia. ***Any DC Democrat is eligible to run for one of these positions.*** In DC, we elect 14 District-Level Delegates and 1 District-Level Alternate.
- B. ***“Pledged Party Leader and Elected Official” Delegate: second category of Delegates to be elected.*** Positions are reserved for Democratic Party leaders and elected officials who file their statement of candidacy and pledge of support with the DCDCS by 4/12/12.
- C. ***“Pledged At-Large” Delegates.*** The final group of delegates chosen is the at-large delegates. *Any Democrat* within the state is eligible for one of these positions. In DC, we elect 5 Delegates and 1 At-large Alternate on May 3, 2012 only from among the candidates that have filed their statements of candidacy and support, and have received approval from the presidential candidate of their choice.

V. Affirmative Action, Outreach Education and Representation Goals

The following representation goals based upon constituency percentages are recognized for participation in the 21012 DC Delegate Selection process:

	African American	Hispanic Americans	Native Americans	Asian and Pacific Islanders	LGBT Americans	People with Disabilities	Youth (under age 36)
Percent in Democratic Electorate	51	9	.6	3	11	3	34
Numeric Delegation Goals	22	4	0	1	5	1	15

VI. Role of National Convention Delegates/Alternates

Persons that serve in the role of national convention delegates are expected to participate fully in the proceedings at the national convention.

1. Each day of the convention requires attendance at the various constituency meetings as well as during the daily plenary session of the convention. Furthermore, delegates begin their day with a morning meeting of the state delegation.
2. During the morning meeting, assignments are made by the Delegation Chair and Party Chair, and special presentations are convened during these important sessions.
3. While one might have in mind attending the Democratic National Convention to see and be seen so to speak, in recent times, the convention has been a vessel of work – early rising, long hours, lots of walking, remembering and finding your shuttle bus to and from the convention center, getting a quick meal or two each day, advocating for your presidential candidate, and special to the District of Columbia delegation has been the opportunity to talk with delegates from other states about support for full self-determination for the District.
4. In fact, one of the assignments likely to be made by the Delegation Chair is to send representatives to each of the other “states” for the purpose of presenting the District’s case for Statehood.

In the event that you are up to the tasks requiring considerable action, please consider running for a delegate slot. Otherwise just set your sights on visiting the convention and cheering on the official 2012 delegation.

Convention housing is available to members of the official delegation only. All other attendees must find their own. Note that the Convention housing may become available or open to all after August 15, 2012 only. In 2008, the DC State Party was lucky to find outside-of-the-delegation housing in very limited quantities, but some of you may have benefitted from the extra looking that DCDSC members did to secure the space. It shall be tried again for 2012. Let's hope we will again be lucky.

VII. General Information About Running for Delegate

1. *Register to Vote.* In order to run for delegate and vote in a presidential primary or participate in a caucus, an individual must be registered to vote – and a Democrat. As well, anyone who wishes to support a delegate candidate must be a registered voter. Contact the local Board of Elections or the local Democratic Party organization for information on how to register to vote.

2. *Know the State's Delegate Selection Rules.* For information on running for a delegate position, an individual should call or write the District of Columbia Democratic Party at 202/714-3368 or www.dcdsc.org to request a copy of the Delegate Selection Plan (or summary) and the necessary filing forms. These documents provide the information candidates need to know in order to run for delegate positions.

3. *Identify Which Presidential Candidate to Support and Become Involved in His or Her Campaign.* Each campaign is looking for supporters to run for delegate and alternate positions. Delegate candidates should get involved in the campaign early. Persons interested in running for delegate should discuss their campaign strategies with the presidential campaign organizers. Delegate candidates should work hard for their presidential candidate and get others organized to support the candidate.

4. *Meet State Filing Deadlines and/or Petition Requirements.* All states require delegate candidates to file "declaration of candidacy" in order to run. The deadline for this declaration varies among the states – but is specified in each state's plan, however, all filing requirements must be precisely followed for eligibility.

5. *Persuade Democrats to Support a Presidential Candidate and the Delegate Candidate.* The number of votes a presidential candidate receives in the primary or caucus is directly related to the number of delegate positions he or she will be awarded for the National Convention. Delegate candidates should identify potential voters for their presidential candidate and work to . . .

6. *Get Out The Vote!* In the weeks before the Pre-primary Caucus and the Presidential Primary, individuals that wish to be delegates should contact all of their supporters and make sure they know when and where to vote. If necessary, arrange for transportation. In order to be successful, be sure to *Get-Out-The-Vote!*

7. *Finally:* Whether successful or not in becoming a delegate to the 2012 National Convention – stay informed and involved. Be sure to: (1) stay informed about the presidential campaign; (2) follow the convention; (3) support the Party's presidential and vice presidential nominees; and (4) **Vote on Election Day – April 3, 2012/Presidential Primary Election and March 3, 2012/Pre-primary Caucus (election of Delegate-candidates)!**

For additional information about the 2012 delegate selection process you may visit www.demconvention.com.