



**Metropolitan Washington Council  
AFL-CIO**

**2018 District of Columbia  
Committee on Political Education  
PRIMARY ELECTIONS**

**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Overview:**

The Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO, is comprised of 185 local unions representing working people in all public industry sectors. The Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO's priorities are outlined below:

- Creating family sustaining jobs for all;
- Investing in education, infrastructure, healthcare and transportation;
- Improving the lives of workers through education, quality job training, career advancement and livable wages with good benefits;
- Ensuring fair, progressive tax policies;
- Making high-quality, affordable healthcare available to everyone;
- Holding corporations and government more accountable to ensure that the public good
- Is served by taxpayer dollars; and
- ensuring that a worker's universal right to organize and to bargain collectively for wages, hours and conditions of work are maintained and enforced.

**Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO**  
**2018 CANDIDATE'S QUESTIONNAIRE**

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Office \_\_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ Term \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever received labor's endorsement? Yes When? The 2010 election in my campaign for DC Council At-Large, endorsed by OPEIU Local 2

**PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU SEEK LABOR'S ENDORSEMENT:** I am very disappointed with myself because I missed seeing the email received August 30 laying out the requirements for seeking endorsement. If I had been at the interview as scheduled I would have sought endorsement because I have long been a strong supporter of the trade union movement, and the Metro Washington Council AFL-CIO/DC Jobs with Justice. Having been on innumerable picket lines, demonstrations dating back to my first becoming a DC resident in 1976, joining the DC Statehood Party (now the DC Statehood Green Party). I followed the leadership of my former wife and mother of my younger son Sam Junge, Emilie Junge, who was in AFSCME, and Local 25 and then SEIU. My record of activity can be found on questionnaires, posted on my campaign website. Here is my brief bio:

Resident in DC since 1976, live in Brightwood neighborhood, Ward 4

Professor Emeritus, Howard University (retired at the end of June 2012 after 39 years on the faculty)

Chair, Political Policy and Action Committee, DC Statehood Green Party

Member of: ONE DC, Empower DC, the Fair Budget Coalition, Grassroots Planning Coalition, Green Neighbors, Metro DC Democratic Socialists of America, DC for Democracy

Steering Committee: DC Public Banking Center, DC Human Rights City Committee.

SIGNATURE:



DATE: September 26, 2018

**Please return your signed questionnaire by Saturday, September 8, 2018 to the below address:**

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### **2018 Candidate Questionnaire**

#### **A. Workplace Rights:** (Please answer by checking the box)

There are certain basic workplace rights that the unions and members of the Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO believe are fundamental and absolutely essential. Collective bargaining elections and representation are permitted for private sector employees, whereas for public sector employees in Maryland, legislation is required in order to have those same rights. Over the past decade, these rights have been given to many states, higher education and K-12 public school education employees and some county employees. However, thousands of public sector employees are still denied these rights.

1. Would you support comprehensive collective bargaining legislation that would provide collective bargaining rights (including exclusivity, binding arbitration and an independent labor board) for all public employees-local, county, school boards and state?

**Support**

**Oppose**

**Not sure**

What is your position on each of these fundamental rights?

2. The right of workers to organize and have union representation

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3. The right to freely exercise workplace rights free from harassment, intimidation and/or delays
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4. The right to bargain collectively with a legal obligation on both sides to negotiate in good faith
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5. The right to resolve differences in a fair, impartial and timely manner, including binding arbitration
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The National Labor Relations Act grants private sector workers the right to organize themselves and be represented by a union in collective bargaining negotiations. From time to time, opponents of collective bargaining propose legislation to curtail workers' bargaining strength and effectiveness. Under the innocuous sounding name of "Right-to-Work," this legislation purports to protect the rights of workers and improve the state's economic development climate. But the net result in Right-to Work states is that workers earn less, have fewer health care benefits and have higher job fatality rates. Right to Work laws prohibit workers from negotiating a "union shop" or "union security" clause in their contracts. Such a clause obligates those in the bargaining unit to pay their fair share of the collective bargaining representation costs. By wiping out that protection, Right to Work actually weakens the rights of working people.

6. Would you support Right to Work in DC?

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Opponents of the labor movement have tried in recent years to stifle labor's political and legislative voice through a friendly sounding proposal called "paycheck protection." It proposes to give rank and file members more control over how their dues money is spent. It does so by requiring unions to spend an incalculable amount of time and money jumping through bureaucratic hoops. The net effect is that it would make it virtually impossible for unions to represent their members in the political and legislative arenas.

7. What is your position on the so-called paycheck protection idea?

Support

Oppose

Not sure

When workers choose an exclusive collective bargaining representative, that union is legally obligated to represent every worker in the unit. Even when some people choose to be non-members, the union must represent them fully and fairly. In other words, those who pay dues are obligated to subsidize those who don't.

8. In your opinion, should a union be permitted to collect a service fee from non-members for the cost of union representation as long as there are protections for those who object on religious grounds?

Yes

No

not sure

9. Please provide us with at least two examples of what you have done legislatively to support workers' rights?

n/a (not an incumbent). Nevertheless, I have been actively supporting the agenda of the DC trade union movement since moving into DC in 1976.

## **B: Workforce Violence:**

1. What is your position on work place violence in the Hospital and Health care facilities?

This violence must not be tolerated and the maximum protection of healthcare workers must be a top priority for management. Of course perpetrators of this violence often have serious mental health issues that should be addressed, rather than automatically charging them with felonies.

2. How do you see yourself as an elected leader championing this issue for workers?

Once in office I would seek expert advice on this issue from the DC Nurses Association and other healthcare unions, to generate legislation if needed and use the resources of my office to advance the necessary organizing and lobbying to back up the workers human rights on this issue. The example of the Health Care Workplace Violence Prevention Act introduced by Rep Ro Khanna and 12 other House Democrats on March 8, 2018 could be a model for local legislation.

**C: Health Care:** (Please answer by checking the box)

1. Nurses and other health care workers are often required to perform manual lifting of patients, without support offered by additional personnel, equipment, or training. As a result, registered nurses experience high rates of musculoskeletal disorders and injuries from lifting patients. Such injuries can have long-term detrimental effects on workers' ability to perform daily tasks, leaving them with chronic debilitating pain and often forcing them to leave the workforce. Indeed, about 12 percent of the nursing workforce leaves the bedside each year due to back injuries.

Do you support legislation that would require every healthcare employer to implement a comprehensive, evidence-based safe patient handling program that includes the use of lift teams, patient handling equipment, and proper training for healthcare workers?

Yes, of course.

2. Health disparities, including those resulting in deaths, in the District of Columbia between black and white residents and between those in different wards are severe. Do you believe these disparities are a serious problem?

**Yes**

**No**

**other (explain below)**

If so, what policies are you proposing to eliminate these disparities?

First by ensuring first rate health care for all, especially preventative healthcare, nutrition guidance, accessible treatment of substance abuse and mental health issues, regardless of income (for low-income residents this care should be free). The stress of poverty has major impact on life expectancy and health. Therefore, a priority should be virtually eliminating child and family poverty by raising income support (e.g., TANF) to the federal poverty level funding and implementing ONE FAIR WAGE (Initiative 77).

The poverty level of Income support for temporary assistance for needy families, TANF for short, is a big cause of child poverty in DC. The high level of child poverty in DC, especially in Wards 7 and 8, has a lasting negative impact on children and their families, especially in undermining school performance. As the nation's first Human Rights City, we should take the lead in addressing the critical human rights violation. Therefore, boosting the TANF income benefit should be a high priority for all concerned about human rights violations in our Human Rights City. The scheduled increase of (TANF) income benefit goes up to only 36% of the Federal Poverty Level next year, leaving at least 30,000 children living in poverty. The highest TANF income benefit is in New Hampshire where families with white children are getting 60% the Federal Poverty Level. Our Mayor/Council could make a huge impact in eliminating child poverty in DC by raising the TANF income support to the Federal Poverty Level. But this is not all, a priority focus should be on full funding and staffing of programs that bring self-sufficiency for the parents of these children, adult

education, mental health and substance abuse treatment for starters. The wealthy can get these services, so should the poor.

Finally, I endorse the recommendations made in "The Health of the African American Community in the District of Columbia: DISPARITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS" (initiated and edited by Maurice Jackson), download at: <https://www.georgetown.edu/sites/www/files/The%20Health%20of%20the%20African%20American%20Community%20in%20the%20District%20of%20Columbia.pdf>.

Will you highlight these problems in your election campaign?

**Yes**                       **No**                       **Other (explain below)**

3. Currently 28 million Americans, including at least 26,000 people in the District of Columbia, have no health insurance. Although the District government moved to expand Medicaid to cover an additional 35,000 people and has created an insurance exchange pursuant to the federal Affordable Care Act, it is the case now and will continue to be true that many people with health insurance cannot afford to use it due to high premiums, high deductibles and high co-pays. Nurses are concerned about the impact on access to health services resulting from limited networks of providers, and high out-of-pocket costs. Health insurance companies have reported record stock price increases, and hospitals anticipate increased revenues as well.

Furthermore, the subsidies promised under the Affordable Care Act may not be available because of federal budget constraints, and in any case will be insufficient for many Americans with low and moderate incomes. And the DC government contracts with private insurance companies to administer the District's Medicaid program, while some states administer their Medicaid insurance program in-house at approximately half the cost.

4. Will you support a "patient bill of rights" to ensure health care access and limit out-of-pocket costs for receiving care outside of insurance company-established networks?

**Yes**                       **No**                       **Other (explain below)**

5. Do you support prohibiting "balance billing" of patients by healthcare providers who seek reimbursement beyond what insurers pay?

**Yes**                       **No**                       **Other (explain below)**

6. Do you support “in-sourcing” DC’s Medicaid program so that private insurance corporations aren’t allowed to profit off this vital public program?

Yes

No

Other (explain below)

7. Are you in favor of a publicly administered, state-based, single-payer universal health care system and, if so, what steps are you prepared to take to make it a reality in the District of Columbia?

Yes

No

Other (explain below)

We can implement this system locally before the federal government does so. I will use my office to legislate and organize for such a goal in collaboration with the Metro DC trade union movement.

#### **D: Education:**

1. What steps will you take to promote public unionism in DC if, as is expected, the Supreme Court will rule against unions in *Janus vs. AFSCME*?

We should push the limits of Home Rule by protecting public unions to the maximum extent possible, if necessary by additional legislation and building a broad community movement in support, with DC Jobs with Justice playing a leading role. This is one other component of the struggle for full self-determination, DC Statehood.

2. Do you believe that the students of Washington, DC would be better served if the District ended Mayoral control of schools and educational policies were once again the purview of an elected School Board?

Yes

No

other (explain below)

3. Do you believe the Washington Teachers’ Union and DCPS should have the right to collectively bargain on teacher evaluation standards and procedures? If so, what steps will you take to achieve this goal?

Yes

No

other (explain below)

Again I will use my office once elected to legislate and organize for this goal, in close collaboration with the WTU.

4. DCPS has one of the highest teacher turn-over rates in the nation. What would you do to address this problem?

Teacher churn is their movement within their schools to a new grade-level assignment or a new subject. According to recent studies, these reassignments can depress their students' achievement. Necessary increase in staffing to ensure continuity in teaching is imperative. So is a comprehensive program of support for teaching staff.

LEAP (LEarning together to Advance our Practice) is potentially a useful initiative to address this issue but its implementation like other initiatives must occur with full respect for the time needed for first rate instruction. Hence, teachers/WTU must have real input into its implementation.

5. How are you going to help guarantee transparency in the DCPS budgeting process to make sure that funds earmarked for Title I programs and at-risk programs are used as intended?

Transparent access to the school budget must be made user friendly to parents and teachers/WTU, online and in hardcopies, available in community centers and libraries with outreach using public service advertising on TV and radio. Community meetings should be organized to discuss the budget, and Council hearings should be held at times that maximize the chance of participation.

Further, a central policy research office in the DC Council should be established, thereby removing the non-transparent Mayoral control of data generated by these existing initiatives, as well as making additional data available as needed for full evaluation of achievement gap programs, so that improvements can be made in their effectiveness. Again, this process must engage all those involved, the instructional staff, parents and students.

6. The achievement gap in DC between low income students and their more affluent peers is 38 times the national average.
  - What do you believe are the causes of the achievement gap?
  - What will you do to address this problem?

DC has very high economic and racial disparities which are the legacy of neoliberal “trickle-down” economic policies of our local elected government following the agenda of the Federal City Council, the powerful lobby of big banks and the corporate developer sector, in particular, their so-called “education reform” program with the privatization and semi-privatization of public education.

Consistent with the best research and assessment by such scholars as Diane Ravitch, the biggest single impact that our Mayor/Council could make in the near future to closing the achievement gap is the elimination of the human rights violations of child poverty and

homelessness, coupled with the provision of robust wraparound services. And of course, instruction must be shifted from “teaching to the test” to a comfortable and safe environment where critical thinking and creativity can flourish in the classroom.

7. The DCMR Title 5 states that principals and assistant principals serve one year without tenure in the position. Retention and reappointment shall be at the discretion of the Chancellor. Principals and Assistant Principals have no due process rights resulting in a high turnover of school administrators. How would you propose building continuity of leadership in the face of this situation?

First, it is apparent that either due process is not being implemented or that new legislation is required to make this possible. Second, I will introduce and/or support legislation that increases the power of the LSATs to empower parents, teachers and community within our local public schools. This enhanced power must be coupled with full and transparent access to relevant data and should include the power to recommend and budgetary decisions and having meaningful input into the reappointment decisions of principals and assistant principals.

**E: Accountability/Economic Development:** (Please answer by checking the box)

Short-term rental companies like, Airbnb, have grown exponentially in the last few years. In order to protect our neighborhoods and communities from commercial operators who convert valuable housing into de facto hotels, Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie introduced the *Short-term Rental Regulation and Affordable Housing Protection Act of 2017*. This bill will 1) limit short-term rentals to primary residences, 2) remove the incentive to operate commercially by putting a cap on the amount of days a host can rent their home while not present, and 3) hold hosting platforms accountable.

1. Will you vote in support of this bill?

**Yes**                       **No**

2. Late last year, a Council committee held a hearing on noise complaints. It was evident from this hearing that the vast majority of the complaints should be addressed through better enforcement of the existing Noise Control Act. Unfortunately, some have proposed solving their noise concerns with draconian legislation that would limit the exercise of free speech in the District. Do you promise to defend the Noise Control Act, which provides critical protections for residents and visitors seeking to exercise their free speech rights in the District of Columbia?

**Yes**                       **No**

3. Would you be willing to support DC legislation that would require any and all

presenters, promoters, vendors, “Events DC”, et al doing any form of for-profit theatrical presentation, show or concert on City property or on property controlled by the City to pay all of their employees an area-standard wage, provide health care coverage and access to job training in the Technical Entertainment Industry?

**Yes**                       **No**

4. Congress extended the Abolishment Act (D.C. Code §§ 1-624.08 et seq.), effectively allowing the DC government to define the procedures governing any RIF initiated by an agency head, by limiting the procedures to which an aggrieved employee is entitled, and rendering those procedures nonnegotiable. Although this was a misguided effort to help DC government reduce costs, agency heads exploited this Act, often using it as a means to rid their agencies of unpopular employees.
5. The use of such improperly targeted RIF’s is an abuse of authority and does not serve the interests of the District. DC workers covered by a collective bargaining agreement have been unfairly deprived of any meaningful opportunity to assert the rights that they were intended to have under the District of Columbia Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act.

Will you support legislation to repeal provisions of the Abolishment Act that override collective bargaining agreements?

**Yes**                       **No**

6. Should DC government be able to override collective bargaining agreement provisions regarding RIFs?

**Yes**                       **No**

The Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1974 (CMPA) establishes the right of DC government employees to form unions if they so desire, and sets out how representation elections will be held, how collective bargaining will be conducted, and how disputes will be resolved.

7. Some ES employees (paraprofessionals) work only 10 months out of 12. Would you support legislation to allow these workers to receive unemployment services during the summer months when they are deemed as officially being laid off employees?

**Yes**                       **No**

8. Will you vote to uphold the provisions of the CMPA if they are challenged in any way which reduces workers’ rights?

**Yes**                       **No**

Noncompliance with wage and worker protection laws persists at a high level around the country. A 2008 survey found that 68% of people working low-wage jobs in large cities experience wage theft every week, losing about 15% of their earnings. When our laws regarding the minimum wage, overtime, wage theft, and paid sick leave are violated, workers and their families face real and dire consequences. They suffer increased poverty rates and are more likely to rely on public assistance, straining safety net programs and hindering workers' ability to improve their economic futures. But the harms of wage theft also extend beyond its immediate victims, reducing taxable income and exerting downward pressure on the wages of all workers in affected industries. Law-abiding business owners are also harmed as their competitors unlawfully trim labor costs\*.

9. What steps will you take toward eliminating all forms of wage theft and fostering an environment of worker protections throughout the District of Columbia?

While wage theft is pervasive and highly damaging, there is some good news: the problem is not unassailable. To be most effective, anti-wage theft laws must be meaningfully and effectively enforced, and must be accompanied by other legal provisions that empower victims to speak up against their abuse, such as strong anti-retaliation laws.

10. Will you work with community groups, city administration and others to support proven programs that combat wage theft: Community engagement in language access programs; Public Education Partnerships; the Development of Community Allies to assist with third party enforcement?

**Yes**                       **No**

11. Will you increase funding in the departments and programs that have proven to ensure that workers are paid correctly and made aware of their rights under the law, such as: increased funding in DOES for investigators, funding for community members who are third party enforcers; increased penalties for employers who violate the laws and; funding for a robust Public Awareness and Accountability Program?

**Yes**                       **No**

12. Will you provide the funding to implement the Procurement Integrity, Transparency, and Accountability Amendment Act of 2016, which requires that city contracts above \$75 million have a Project-Labor Agreement?

**Yes**                       **No**                       **other (explain below)**

13. Income and racial inequality are growing in DC. What would you do to address that?

This has long been a critical focus in my political activity, including testimony to the DC Council. I am running to empower the struggle for an alternative to trickle -down economics and housing, to champion and implement once in office the critical steps for a better quality of life for all DC residents, but especially for our low-income, working class residents.

Reducing income and wealthy inequality is a priority, noting DC has the highest income inequality in the nation compared to the 50 states. As a green socialist, I support redistributing income from the top to the bottom, more socialism, less capitalism. Start by recovering the big federal income tax cut for wealthy DC residents as revenue for DC by hiking the DC income tax rates for the same taxpayers, leaving them paying the same overall taxes (federal plus DC), thereby generating hundreds of millions of dollars annually for coming years, to fund affordable housing for low-income residents, the homeless, repairing public housing (at least \$50 million of funding), financing community land trusts, and boost rental assistance, income support for low-income residents (increase TANF income support to the federal poverty level and tax rebates). For more details go to <https://www.dcctj.org/>. And of course, top quality education must be a DC priority for all students. I discuss this challenge at length in my WTU questionnaire posted on my campaign website.

Finally, I endorse the recommendations of the "African American Employment, Population & Housing Trends in Washington, D.C." (initiated and edited by Maurice Jackson), download at: <https://www.cityfirstfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/DC-AAEPHT-Report-091217.pdf>.

**F: Transportation:** (Please provide your response on a separate sheet).

1. Do you believe that any privatization of public transit is acceptable for the improvement of service at WMATA, DC Streetcar or DC Circulator? If so, please explain.

Yes                       No                      other (explain below)

Further, see my testimony to WMATA, January 31, 2018. I support and have collected petitions at Metro stops for Save Our System Coalition (WMATA), which fights for progressive dedicated funding, lower fares and better service, worker rights, against privatization of the Metro system.

2. In the 2018 legislative session in Maryland, ATU Local 689 aggressively pursued legislation to see assaults on transit workers charged as an automatic felony. Will you work to make sure D.C. joins Maryland in raising the penalty of assaults on transit employees?

Yes                       No

But with this clarification, youthful offenders and those with mental health conditions should not be automatically subject to an automatic felony charge.

1. CLASS I / Freight & Passenger Railroad – Safety & Security

Union Station is the second busiest station in the national Amtrak network with five million annual passengers. MARC, and Virginia Railroad Express (VRE) transport daily 50,000 commuters and visitors to the District of Columbia. The combined ridership for Amtrak, MARC, and VRE is expected to increase from 14 million – 34 million by 2040.

Freight railroad traffic through the District of Columbia is projected to increase by 57% to 48 daily double-stacked freight trains from the Ports of Norfolk, Charleston, Jacksonville, and Miami.

Wards 4,5,6,7 host the railroad corridors with a combined population of 297,747 residents equaling forty-four (44%) percent of the total population. Our 700,000 population is projected to increase by 30% by 2040. Many of these new residents will live and work in the old and new communities adjacent to railroad corridors.

The past two years the District of Columbia has experienced major railroad incidents:

- May 2016 - 170 car CSX train freight train derailed in Ward 5 traveling through the District of Columbia on the CSX Capital Sub-Division from Cumberland, Maryland to Hamlet, North Carolina. Fourteen cars derailed with seven tanker cars containing sodium hydroxide, ethanol, and calcium chloride leaking its contents.
- June 2017 – Two CSX Transportation employees were struck and killed by a southbound Amtrak Train No. 175 north of Union Station in the Ivy City.

In 2017, the Council approved the Rail Safety and Security Amendment Act (D.C. Law 21-254) authorizing the creation of an Emergency Response and Rail Safety Division within the Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE). It also would establish of a Railroad Advisory Board.

2. In FY 2018 budget, the Council did not appropriate any funding to establish the State Rail Safety Office. Would you support full funding to establish the Rail Safety Office in the FY 2019 budget?

Yes                       No                       other (explain below)

3. Would you support an amendment to D.C. Law 21-254 “Rail Safety and Security Amendment Act” authorizing the DOEE to assess penalties and fines for safety or security violations on the railroads operating in the District of Columbia?

Yes                       No                       other (explain below)

**G. Utility Issues:** (Please provide your response on a separate sheet)

I. DC Water – Clean River Impervious Area Charge (CRIAC) Fee

Over past 30 years, the Metropolitan Washington Council / AFL-CIO has opposed policies that denied reasonable, fair, and equitable utility rates to District of Columbia residents.

It is our view the (Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge) CRIAC being imposed on ratepayers by DC Water is of these policies. The CRIAC is onerous and undermines public support for Clean River Projects to improve storm water management and the Anacostia River.

More importantly, the CRIAC fee disproportionately affects senior citizens, working families, and long-term homeowners. It is also contributing to accelerated gentrification and the de-stabilization of many legacy neighborhoods and communities.

The CRIAC fee is making the District of Columbia unaffordable for its many public servants and residents. DC Water must develop a plan to broaden its rate base, to include assessments on the District of Columbia and Federal Governments.

The Metropolitan Washington Council Labor Council is committed to reducing the financial burden of the CRIAC charges and a more equitable formula to fund restoration and preservation of the Anacostia River.

If elected to the Council of the District of Columbia, will you commit to:

14. Do you support efforts to reduce and expand the distribution of CRIAC charges across rate groups?

Yes

No

other (explain below)

15. Do you support greater oversight of DC Water operations and ratemaking? Including requiring Council approvals for all new fees, charges and rate hikes imposed on District of Columbia ratepayers.

Yes

No

other (explain below)

**H. Retail/Service**

1. Do you support Fair Scheduling legislation to require employers to give retail and restaurant workers their weekly work schedules at least two weeks in advance, and requires employers to offer part-time workers more hours when a fellow employee leaves, rather than hiring additional employees?

Yes

No

other (explain below)

2. What is your position on Initiative 77 and the efforts to repeal it?

On Primary Day, June 19, voters endorsed Initiative 77 which would bring tipped workers' minimum wage up to \$15 per hour by 2025 and to the cost of living corrected minimum wage for non-tipped workers by 2016. Non-tipped workers will get \$15 by 2020. All workers deserve a living wage, and because of wage theft by employers, many tipped workers are not getting what they are entitled to by law. 7 states already have one fair wage for all and their businesses and communities are benefiting. Instead of repealing or weakening Initiative 77, the DC Council should strengthen it, at the very least by requiring more than \$15 per hour in followup legislatios. I stand for a Living Wage for All; respect the voters, implement Initiative 77 now! I so testified at the DC Council Hearing on September 17, 2018. My campaign signs include this slogan: "Implement Initiative 77, A Living Wage for All!"

Candidate (Please Print Legibly): David Schwartzman

Signature:



Date: September 26, 2018

Thank you.