



Meet the Candidates

ANC 7B Candidate Forum

Thank you for attending what we hope will be the first of many ANC 7B candidate forums. Change starts locally and we believe it's important for voters to hear from the ANC candidates running to represent their community at this hyperlocal, unique level of government.

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for coming and thank the candidates for their participation. We would also like to thank our special guests, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mayor Muriel Bowser, and Councilmember Vincent C. Gray for their support. It's always great to have our elected leaders in our community. Additionally, we want to say thank you to Chairperson Jimmie Williams for moderating and the D.C. Dream Center for providing us with this beautiful space to hold this event.

In this packet you will find bios for each of the candidates running in ANC 7B as well as a map of the 7B single member district boundaries. We also invite you to join the online conversation about this forum on Twitter using **#7Bforum18** and if you would like to ask the candidates a question please submit it online at **tinyurl.com/7BQuestion**.

We hope you find this event informative as you think about how to cast your vote on Tuesday, November 6th.

Sincerely,

The Host Committee:

Shawntelle Nesmith
Dupont Park Civic Association

Karen Williams
Hillcrest Community Civic Association

Shannon Thomas
Penn Branch Citizens Civic Association

Travis Swanson
Randle Highlands Citizens Civic Association

Patricia Howard-Chittams

7B01 – Twining

I am a sixth generation Washingtonian and the youngest child of the late Clyde E, Howard, Jr. and Marion E. Howard. I received my Bachelors of Science in Nursing degree from the University of the District of Columbia, Summa Cum Laude, Master of Arts degree from Maple Springs Baptist Bible College and Seminary and a Master's Degree in Nursing from Benedictine University in Lisle Illinois. My passion for community service comes from my father and mother who both worked diligently with their community. My father was the first elected ANC for 1B03, and served for many years as the President of the Shaw-PAC Civic Association. My Mother served for many years as the Chair of the People's Involvement Corporation who was responsible for the rebuilding of many properties in the Shaw, U Street and Georgia Avenue corridor, being primarily responsible for providing many affordable housing units for senior citizens. Our family saying was and is to leave things better than we found them. Working to improve the community is the payment for being a member of the community.

Tiffany L. Brown

7B02 – Hillcrest

Tiffany L. Brown is a 21-year educator in the District of Columbia Public Schools. During her tenure in DCPS, she has worked in schools from NW to SE Washington, spending most her time in schools East of the River working with students with special needs. In this role, she has been recognized as being a highly effected educator. Education and advocacy have always been the hall mark of her work. She also served as the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner of 7B02, which encompasses the neighborhoods of Hillcrest, Park Naylor, and Randle Highlands. In this work, Commissioner Brown works day in and day out to improve the lives of her constituents. She also serves on the Executive Board of the Washington Teachers Union as an elected Member at Large, representing teachers and related services providers on special education concerns. Mrs. Brown is a 4th generation Washingtonian, where she is a proud graduate of H. D. Woodson Senior High School. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development from Howard University and a master's degree in teaching from Trinity College. In her spare time, she enjoys singing with her choir at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden as well as serving with a Women's Discipleship Ministry. Her greatest joy is her family. She is married with two children.

Benjamin Crane (Write-In Candidate)

7B03 – Greenway

Benjamin Crane grew up in Oregon before coming to the east coast to attend St. John's College in Annapolis. He has lived in DC for a little more than 8 years and the DC-Baltimore area for about 15 years. His first job in DC was stenography - making transcripts for legal and public meetings. In that capacity he attended many public meetings - from the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration to the Zoning Commission to the DC State Board of Education. He currently works as a risk manager in housing finance and volunteers at Code for DC. He is running to represent 7B03 because the neighborhood is going to see a lot of growth in the next few years and needs a voice familiar with bureaucracy and DC's systems to represent them.

Phillip J. Hammond

7B04 – Hillcrest

(Bio not available)

Nicole Smith-McDermott

7B04 – Hillcrest

Nicole has been a public servant for over 10 years and is a longtime resident of the District of Columbia, specifically Ward 7. Nicole started her career in the District of Columbia Government in 2008 with the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD). While at DSLBD, Nicole assisted in spear heading several vendor community outreach initiatives and programs that are still used today to assist small businesses headquarter in the District with navigating the procurement process at a local level. Nicole received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, where she studied Political (*continued next page*) Science and Business. She also serves on various committees throughout the community in the District of Columbia. Nicole's involvement in consistently providing original and fresh ideas, while ensuring a high level of honesty and integrity, not only in her professional career but in her community has provided her with the necessary experience to serve as Commissioner for Ward 7 SMD 7B04.

Villareal Johnson

7B05 – Hillcrest

I believe in service. I am member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity Incorporated. I started my civic engagement in 2000 with the NAACP registering people to vote. I got into electoral politics during a state local election in 2001, as a youth organizer. In 2006, I became a Commissioner and served for 7 years. I am grossly involved in community development and electoral politics. I serve on a number of community boards, task forces and Commissions in the District of Columbia. I am a 4th generation Washingtonian. I graduated from Phelps Career Vocational where I learned Barbering and Architectural Drafting and Design. My parents met at Douglass Junior High school in Hillsdale. I grew up in Wards 6, and 8. As an adult, I have lived in Ward 7's Twining neighborhood and Ward 6's Sherwood. I now reside in Hillcrest. My college studies was at Savannah State in Sociology and Psychology. My graduate work was at Nyack College in Organizational Leadership. I am a father of an amazing 4 year boy and I have wonderful family. I run, read and swim. I love being outdoors in nature.

Robin Hammond Marlin

7B05 – Naylor Gardens

(Bio not available)

Donovan Anderson

7B06 – Hillcrest

Twitter: @Anderso8Donovan

Mr. Anderson has served as Chairman Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; is a Member of the Hillcrest Civic Association; has worked as an attorney with over 25 years' experience, and has 18 years as an avid educational advocate for students with disabilities.

Kelvin Brown (Write-In Candidate)

7B06 – Hillcrest

Twitter: @Kelvinbrown4dc

Kelvin Brown is an eight year Army veteran and became the first member of his family to earn both a bachelors and master degree from an accredited US college and university. Born in the south to a hardworking, single mother and four other siblings, Kelvin grew up much of his adolescent years in poverty. Kelvin left the south to pursue his version of the American dream – one in which would assist him in lifting his immediate family out of poverty and back to progress. Later, Kelvin join the military and and in parallel graduated from college with his Bachelors and later his Master of Business Administration degree. After completing his educational goals, Kelvin moved north to pursue additional opportunities in education, policing, and the corporate sector. After spending a number of years working and building his professional craft, Kelvin began to focus as a priority on helping underserved communities throughout the east coast by volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, local soup kitchens, KaBoom! and other philanthropy organizations. This included working directly with returning service disabled and injured veterans to find health, housing and financial stability. Kelvin is very passionate about civics, veteran affairs, and has laundry list of interesting hobbies that he enjoys with his family and friends.

April Pradier

7B06 – Hillcrest

My husband and I are native Washingtonians and have lived in our home in Hillcrest for 17 years with our two sons and two nieces (that we have raised). My husband is a proud DC Police Officer of almost 20 years and I am a scientist and real estate developer. I'm also the President of the Kings Court Condo Association on Good Hope Road in SE. It is my pleasure to run in this upcoming election, not as a politician with an agenda, but as a neighbor with vested interest. I look forward to continued support of my community.

D.L. Humphrey

7B07 – Dupont Park

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Dexter Lynnell “DL” Humphrey is long-time Ward7 community activist. DL is a proud native Washingtonian and life-long resident of Ward7.

DL worked as Deputy Constituent Services Director for former Ward 7 Councilwoman Yvette Alexander; and, he currently works as the Deputy Director of Constituent Services for Ward7 Councilmember Vincent C. Gray. (*Continued next page*)

DL has served as the vice president of Dupont Park Civic Association and has worked closely to build a strong community association. He serves as chair of the Crime Prevention Committee on the Sixth District Metropolitan Police Department Citizens Advisory Council. DL also serves as 2nd vice chair on the executive committee of the Ward7 Democrats. He is proud to have recently been the guest speaker at the Penn Branch Citizens Civic Association.

DL is an active leader in Ward 7. He is most proud of his son who is in the 6th grade, and for having received the Father of the Year from the DC Federation of Civic Associations.

Jewel Stroman

7B07 – Fort Davis

I am a homeless family advocate who gained local media attention in 2016 after starting an advocacy movement for Homeless Families housed at a Motel 6 . Which led to every family in Motel 6 receiving housing . To date I have helped over 100 families obtain housing . I am also a community activist with ties to local advocacy groups .



