

18 MONTH PROGRESS REPORT



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR



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WE ARE WASHINGTON DC. AND WE ALWAYS WILL BE.

The District of Columbia is a place—perhaps like no other in the world—that welcomes all. Beyond the millions who visit our 68 square miles each year, we are home to 680,000 residents—and we are growing every day. By some estimates, the District’s population will reach 800,000 strong in the next 20 years. These are exciting times to be a Washingtonian.

The District of Columbia is a city—soon to be state—that embraces the past, present and future. We are getting younger and older, and more economically and demographically diverse. We are changing. But we are also making progress in all 8 wards. Change is both an exciting and daunting reality. Oftentimes, our economy drives change faster than residents and policymakers are able to understand and react. Mayor Muriel Bowser has long recognized the sense of urgency to remain vigilant in evaluating the impact of our policies and programs on our most important asset - our people.

The Mayor brings together residents, policy experts, business leaders, government workers and others, to help Washington, DC manage change. It’s a priority for the Mayor to ensure that all of our residents are given a fair shot by embracing growth and investing in what residents need to succeed, including safe neighborhoods and good schools.



CHALLENGES

A Safer, Stronger DC



The tragic events this summer in Louisiana, Minnesota and Texas have given the District and the nation reason to pause. Residents from across the District, police officers and other government workers have expressed anxiety and concern about recent events from around the nation – all attempting to make sense of these senseless acts. Mayor Bowser is committed to working tirelessly until all of us feel safe in our homes, at our workplaces and on our streets. The District saw overall crime decrease by 4% in 2015 and it is down 2% in the first half of 2016. That said, too many residents feel unsafe in their neighborhoods. The Bowser Administration

remains vigilant in working to proactively maintain safe neighborhoods, including such efforts as continuing to ensure our police department is representative of the community it protects. Since taking office, the Mayor has made critical investments to protect the public and our public safety officials:

- Deployed more than **1,200 body-worn cameras** to officers in all seven police districts, the Police Academy, and specialized units such as the Nightlife Unit and the Narcotics and the Special Investigations Division
- Formed a **Robbery Task Force** to more quickly hold robbery suspects accountable
- Offered a **private security camera incentive program** to reimburse residents, businesses and nonprofits for the purchase and installation of more than 1,200 security cameras
- Added **25 additional ambulances** on our streets every day to help meet the public safety needs of our growing population
- Relunched the **District’s illegal gun initiative**, which seeks the public’s help to identify violent offenders who carry illegal firearms
- **Proposed doubling the number of training hours** for the 17,000 special police officers and security officers operating in the District
- Trained more than 5,000 residents in “hands on” CPR through the **Hands on Hearts Program**
- Created **“Safe Passage” zones for young people** traveling across the city by recruiting government volunteers stationed in high-traffic areas on the last day of school and the start of the SYEP Program
- Established a specialized **mental health unit at the DC Jail**
- Opened Genesis, an **affordable, intergenerational housing community**
- Graduated 100 members of the community from the six-week **Metropolitan Police Department Community Engagement Academy**, which allows interested community members to learn firsthand about police operations



- Enrolled 60 DC high schoolers in the **DC Public Safety Academy at Anacostia High School** to prepare DC residents for career opportunities in law enforcement
- Resolved the longstanding overtime issue with Local 36, who represents our firefighters and emergency services personnel

As we work together to move forward as a community, the Bowser Administration will step up our efforts to foster healthy and productive relationships between residents and law enforcement. Next year's budget will support a safer and stronger DC, by:

- Providing an additional **\$2.5 million** to hire and train 30 additional 911 call takers
- Utilizing **\$12 million for third-party ambulance providers** to improve emergency response, and adding time for first responder training
- Investing **\$8 million to shore up the District's Crime Lab**, which will ensure timely and accurate readings for law enforcement, legal teams and families
- Assume operations of all of the **DC Jail** in order to provide a place where residents have programming and treatment options that improve opportunities for successful community reintegration

The Bowser Administration understands that there is no greater responsibility of government than that of keeping residents and visitors safe in our city. We are committed to making the recurring and critical investments in our public safety infrastructure.



William Lucky, a Ward 7 resident and Youth Creating Change (YCC) participant, spoke on a Congressional panel about his interactions with law enforcement. Youth Creating Change is a 12-week program serving to strengthen relationships between young community leaders and the police department. Police chiefs from around the country participated in the panel and heard Lucky share his YCC experience and how it affected his perceptions and his family's perceptions of police officers. Lucky is joined by Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) and YCC leader John Mein.

CHALLENGES

An Inclusive DC



As the District's population has grown in the past several years, housing costs have also increased. Back in 1960, when Mayor Bowser's parents bought their house in North Michigan Park, the average home in DC cost about \$15,000. That was only three times the average family income. Today, the median home value tops \$500,000, more than five times the average family income. That's an unsustainable trend that could soon make the District the most expensive place to live in the country and

undermine the diversity that makes the District of Columbia a great place to live, work and raise a family. We have a lot at stake:

- 38% of all households spend more than 30% of their income on housing costs
- Over 42,000 families are on the District of Columbia Housing Authority's (DCHA) waiting list for assistance
- Nearly 4,000 households live in units with more than one person per room
- Over 2,000 households lack kitchen or plumbing facilities
- Nearly 7,500 homeless residents live in the District
- From 2006 to 2014, DC lost at least 1,000 units of subsidized housing
- Another 1,750 units are currently being tracked by the DC Preservation Network as at risk of being lost
- And there are 13,700 additional units with subsidies that will expire by 2020 and are possibly at risk of loss

We can't make up the deficit by simply producing more housing. One of Mayor Bowser's top priorities is to produce, preserve and protect affordable housing so that every resident in the District can afford a place to call home. The Bowser Administration has aggressively instituted policies and invested hundreds of millions to do just that:

- **Yielded over 4,000 total affordable housing units** since January 2015, far more than in previous years
- Over **5,300 units of affordable housing are in the pipeline**, which will house nearly 12,000 District residents
- Made **historic \$200 million investments** in the **Housing Production Trust Fund**
- Renegotiated major development projects to include **more affordable housing**
- Developed a robust foreclosure prevention program preventing 3,010 homeowners from losing their homes to foreclosure, since FY 2015

- Developed a District-wide solution to **close DC General** and open alternative, safe and dignified places for families to stay in all eight wards
- Hosted a **Faith-Based Housing Expo** to brief religious leaders about the development process, connect them to key networks such as financiers, developers, and city leaders, and provide technical assistance
- Announced expanded capacity within community based organizations for **housing homeless LGBTQ youth**
- Created the **DC Housing Preservation Strike Force** to develop an action plan to preserve our affordable housing stock in the long term



We are making progress. We have thousands of affordable housing units in the pipeline. But production is only part of the equation. We can't make up the deficit by simply producing more housing. We have to ensure that we have the ability to make such large, critical investments, which we will need to sustain any long term investment in affordable housing - which is why supporting economic development and investments is so critical. The Administration discussed this careful balance during the **"Preserving and Planning for Progress" symposium**, which brought experts together to discuss how the District will plan for 800,000 residents in the next 20 years while preserving its rich and diverse history.



The Bowser Administration is proud of our efforts to keep Washington, DC a place of diversity and inclusivity and there is still more to do. This fall, the DC Office of Planning will be re-evaluating our **Comprehensive Plan**, which dictates public policy in terms of educational institutions, transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing. The Comprehensive Plan guides how we will manage the growth of our population, and we want all residents to join the conversation by participating in a series of engagement sessions that will be held across DC.

OPPORTUNITIES

Economy & Jobs

The Bowser Administration is committed to providing every Washingtonian - in every neighborhood - a fair shot at a good life. We are making real progress. By bringing new jobs to the District and protecting jobs from leaving our borders, we have seen more than a 1% decrease in our unemployment rate. And we've experienced an even steeper decrease in Wards 7 and 8. In the first 18 month, the Administration has set residents on pathways to the middle class through investing in workforce programs that lead to real jobs, expanding youth programs, and investing in new and growing small businesses.



“I will go to Cuba, to China or out to Fairfax County, if it will help us continue to feed our economic engine and improve your prospects for a better future.”

- Mayor Bowser, 2016 State of the District

- Announced a new state-of-the-art **Entertainment and Sports Arena at St. Elizabeths East in Ward 8**. The project will generate \$90M in economic impact, create 300 permanent jobs and 600 construction jobs for DC residents, and serve as the Wizards' new practice facility, the Mystics' home court, and a premier entertainment venue.
- Expanded the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program in 2015 to 844 youth ages 22-24 in order to help young adults gain meaningful work experience. 37% of youth ages 22-24 seeking employment secured jobs. More than 14,000 young people ages 14-24 were certified as eligible to participate in the expanded 2016 program, which runs from June 27th to August.
- Launched **DC Career Connections** in December 2015 - a work readiness program providing more than 430 out-of-school District youth, including justice-involved youth, with opportunities to gain valuable work experience, skills training, and individualized coaching and support to gain employment.
- Launched the **Learn, Earn, Advance, Prosper (LEAP) Network** to connect more than 100 jobseekers with employment opportunities in the DC government.
- Expanded job services programming, closely modeled off the Project Empowerment program, at the DC Jail. Offering job readiness workshops, hands on computer training, case management and post-release services to soon-to-be returning citizens.
- Led a District delegation on an **economic development mission** to China in November 2015 to increase foreign direct investment in DC's economic development projects.
- Advanced **President Obama's historic 2016 Cuba** visit by touring the island nation with a regional

delegation to learn about the mutual benefits of normalizing trade, specifically construction and infrastructure opportunities for DC businesses and additional partnership opportunities in health and education.

- Encouraged more than 130,000 **South by Southwest** attendees to bring their businesses, ideas, and passion to DC, the most inclusive city for innovation in the country. The Chicago Tribune called the **WeDC House** “One of the most prominent city-specific efforts was by WeDC, representing the nation’s capital, whose corner patio and house amid scattered SXSW locations gave it prime visibility.”
- Exceeded the FY15 small business spending goal of \$334 million, **procuring \$476 million with CBEs** by leveraging the procurement power of the DC government.
- Launched CBE Connect - **cbconnect.dc.gov** - to increase awareness of the procurement dollars DC government agencies must spend with small businesses. The website is a realtime update of the FY2015 SBE Annual Goal Spending Report, better known as the Green Book.
- Designated three new DC Main Streets - **Destination Congress Heights, Tenleytown, and Van Ness Main Streets** - in order for these business corridors to lead sustainable, community-driving revitalization programs to promote economic development, strengthen neighborhoods.
- Launched **ASPIRE to Entrepreneurship Program** in May 2016 for 25 returning citizens interested in starting their own businesses to pair returning citizens with business mentors and provide access to capital to start new businesses.
- Provided more than 10,000 residents - including approximately 1,300 seniors - with financial literacy training, consumer protection information, first time bank accounts and financial health assessments through DISB’s LifeCents. The LifeCents program is currently being rolled out to MBSYEP youth this summer.
- Hosted a **Waste Summit** in April 2015—a forum engaging DC employees, residents, businesses, and environmental advocates.
- Hosted the District’s first-ever **Tree Summit**. Stakeholders from the private, public and nonprofit sectors convened to share best practices for planting trees on private, federal and District-owned properties, improve coordination and collaboration; and to identify partners that will join in planting 3,000 new trees on public and private property in 2016.
- Partnered with the Obama Administration as a Summer Impact Hub, to expand access to opportunities this summer and beyond through the Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program (MBSYEP).



Virginia McLaurin, a long-time District resident who received national attention for her dance with President Obama, could not get a Real ID because of new federal regulations. The Bowser Administration announced a new regulation that allows the Department of Motor Vehicles to help DC seniors, aged 70 and older, who need a Real ID, but who may lack the necessary documentation to get that ID by expanding the list of acceptable documents.

ECONOMIC CHECKLIST

★ KEEPING PROMISES ★



Having a job is only part of the equation. In order to get a fair shot, you need a fair wage. Mayor Bowser fought to raise the District's minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2020 - and proudly signed the bill into law in June 2016.

- ✓ **Economic Intelligence Dashboard:** Launched new data tool that showcases DC's economic development priorities that create more pathways to the middle class: jobs, quality affordable housing, and community-focused development
- ✓ **Social Tables HQ:** Helped secure new headquarters for DC-based tech company that will retain nearly 150 jobs, 70% of which are DC residents.
- ✓ **DC United Soccer Stadium:** Broke ground on a \$300 million project that will revitalize the banks of the Anacostia, provide nearly 900 jobs, and attract close to one million visitors per year.
- ✓ **Uber HQ:** Tech giant chose DC as its hub for East Coast operations, housing 500 employees—a major milestone for the District's tech scene.
- ✓ **Plaza West:** Broke ground on the District's first ever 'grandfamilies' project that will provide over 220 units of affordable housing – including 50 affordable units for grandparents raising grandchildren.
- ✓ **HPTF:** Announced nearly \$90 Million in affordable housing opportunities that will provide more than 800 affordable housing units for an estimated 1,760 DC residents.
- ✓ **Great Streets:** Awarded over \$5M in funding - nearly 5x more money than 2014 and over 2x the number of recipients. Also announced \$300,000 in new funding for the Emerging Business Improvement Districts. Since 2012, through our Great Streets Program, the District has helped over 220 local businesses create over 2,000 jobs.
- ✓ **Howard University Hub:** Broke ground on the District's first ever inclusive innovation incubator. The new space will support underrepresented entrepreneurs and businesses that provide products and services to underserved communities.



- ✓ **March Madness 2016:** Revealed 17 new projects at DMPED's annual effort to create more quality affordable housing, support small and local business, and expand job opportunities for DC residents.
- ✓ **Waterfront Station II:** Selected partners to develop a 59,000-square-foot lot at 1000 4th St SW, including 310 market-rate apartments, 133 affordable units, a black box theater and neighborhood-serving retail space.
- ✓ **Capital Vista:** Selected partners to develop site at 2nd and H Streets, NW as affordable housing and retail space.
- ✓ **Truxton Circle:** Selected partners to develop 1520-1522 North Capitol St. NW. The team will build a net-zero, mixed-use, all-affordable project with a ground-floor restaurant.
- ✓ **Blackboard HQ:** Opened the new 75,000 sf global headquarters for large DC tech company and employer in Ward 2. Blackboard received a grant under Mayor Bowser's Creative and Open Space Modernization program to assist with various tenant improvements in connection with the office relocation.
- ✓ **Engine Company 13 and Hyatt Hotel:** Opened up this unique public-private project, which includes is the first new fire station facility in the District in over 20 years and a 214-room hotel that will provide 600 jobs.
- ✓ **Fire and EMS Engine Company 22:** Broke ground on the future home of Engine Company 22, a \$12M joint project with FEMS, DMPED, DGS and the District's Walter Reed Campus Development. This event is the first groundbreaking of any kind for the Walter Reed project.
- ✓ **Vacant to Vibrant:** Announced several new local businesses occupying the long-vacant space in and around the Convention Center in the Shaw community.
- ✓ **International Investment:** Secured \$16 million of EB-5 foreign direct investment in the Capper Carrollsburg project at 1100 2nd Place - a project that will support 354 construction jobs and 414 permanent jobs.
- ✓ **Public Private Partnerships:** Established legal framework for receiving unsolicited public-private partnership projects in the District, collaborations between private sector businesses and District government to support large-scale projects such as infrastructure development and enhancements.



Mayor Bowser unveiled legislation to create 1,000 new local jobs and allow DC's largest technology company, The Advisory Board Company, to retain its headquarters in the District.

OPPORTUNITIES

Education

Public school enrollment is up and more students are graduating from high school. DC has the fastest improving urban school district in the country, and our success story is the envy of the nation. But we have more work to do. We have devoted an extra \$220 million to speed up the renovation and restoration of DC public schools, so that every child in DC will have a world-class facility for world-class learning.

- Introduced Extended Year programming at 10 schools in the School Year 2016 - 2017, offering students the equivalent of an extra year of learning by the time they reach the 8th grade
- Expanded Kids Ride Free to allow students to take advantage of after school activities and extended learning activities
- Launched a user-friendly, one-stop-shop for summer activities for youth and families online at summer.dc.gov



- Expanded programming at the reopened Malcolm X Opportunity Center in Congress Heights to serve hundreds of youth this summer with free summer meals, camps, and ongoing employment and health supports for families

- Enabled access to library services for over 70,000 DC One Cards for middle and high school students in DCPS and Charter Schools

- Named one of the most LGBTQ-inclusive school districts in the country according to the Human Rights Campaign

- Hosted the Mayor's Convening on Early Childhood to identify ways to improve outcomes for our youngest learners by creating more high-quality seats in all parts of the city



- Announced UDC's District of Columbia University Partnership, which offers full scholarships and stipends to valedictorians and salutatorians from traditional DC public schools and DC public charter schools
- Expanded opportunity for nearly 60,000 residents by awarding state diplomas to adults who have passed District approved high-school equivalency exams and programs
- Launched a pilot of the Enhanced Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), serving 1,300 children from birth through Pre-k, to provide high-quality early learning education and health services for infants, toddlers and families across the city
- Kicked off the DC Cross Sector Collaboration Task Force
- Launched two new career academies at H. D. Woodson High School in Ward 7 that focus on engineering and information technology
- Continued recruitment efforts for the 500 for 500: Mentoring through Literacy Program, a core strategy of the Empowering Males of Color Initiative, engaging 500 volunteers as mentors to 500 male students of color to help them build strong literacy skills, gain confidence and discover a passion for reading
- Provided thousands of free books each month by mail to children under five in the District whose families participate in the Books From Birth program, a new early literacy initiative
- Opened the District's new Empowering Males High School, Ron Brown College Preparatory High School



OPPORTUNITIES

Sustainable Communities

Our roads, bridges, tunnels, alleys, utilities, parks and recreation centers are of vital importance to the health of District neighborhoods and our residents. The Bowser Administration has continued the critical work of ensuring that our city's infrastructure is safe, reliable and sustainable - by investing more dollars than ever before in improving our roads and alleys, making historic investments in sustainable energy and community resilience.



Broke the record with the largest outdoor pool attendance in recent history with nearly 190,000 guests. In FY 16, DPR is on track to exceed this number. DC is ranked the 9th Top Swim City in the U.S. by USA Swimming and Speedo USA.

- Conducted three **Alley Pallooza** events, repaving more than 225 alleys in all 8 wards. Crews also completed more than 2,000 service requests and filled more than 16,500 potholes during **Pothole-palooza**
- Since opening their doors on January 2016, Safe at Home has completed over 100 home adaptations projects for District seniors and people with a disabilities. These projects include bathroom adaptations, installing stair lifts, and adding light fixtures to prevent falls.
- Launched new mobile management technology to keep road work crews accountable by allowing residents, motorists and bicyclists to follow the progress through an interactive map on the DDOT website
- **Launched DC's first streetcar system in over 50 years** - the H Street / Benning Streetcar Corridor opened in February 2016, having right-sized the streetcar plan to focus on East / West extensions
- Hired and trained **29 traffic control officers** to further assist reducing the impact of Safe Track
- Installed new **Capital Bikeshare** stations and improved access to Capital Bikeshare by offering a \$5 annual membership for low-income residents
- Won the global award for Green Energy at the 2015 C40 Cities Awards - recognized for DC's groundbreaking wind power purchase agreement that will reduce DC's carbon footprint and save the District \$45 million over the next 20 years
- Boosted the city's total solar generation capacity by roughly 70 percent through the deployment of 11.4 megawatts of solar photovoltaic systems on the roofs and parking lots of 34 District-owned facilities
- Synchronized lights at 1,200 intersections for the first time in 12 years by implementing new traffic

- signal timing at approximately 400 intersections to accommodate rush hour and other travel demands
- New bike lanes, crosswalks, signage and signals have been installed to improve five high priority intersections in 2015 and 5 additional in 2016 in coordination with resident and advocate stakeholders
- Implementation of the **Vision Zero** action plan is underway - of the 67 strategies in the plan, 39% are complete, 57% are on-track.
- Dedicated the brand new **Ryan Zimmerman Field** at Randall Recreation Center in Ward 6
- Launched a multi-agency rat abatement initiative along residential and business corridors
- Expanded Community Gardening by providing 108 free urban garden classes serving approximately 1,800 participants
- Launched a Garden Toolshare Pilot which has encouraged over 100 individuals and volunteer groups to borrow tools that helped create, maintain and/or expand one, school and community gardens
- Launched the District's first energy efficiency and clean energy finance program, DC PACE Commercial to **provide 100 percent financing** for businesses and commercial property owners to install clean energy upgrades
- Released annual HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report showing that newly reported HIV cases in D.C. declined for the seventh consecutive year
- Published a first-of-its-kind resource manual titled, **“Valuing Transgender Applicants & Employees”** to help eliminate workplace discrimination against transgender and gender non-conforming people. It provides policies around delivering customer service to the transgender community



A FitDC: Hosted the Mayor's 2nd Annual Fresh Start 5K by RFK Stadium on New Year's Day. DC has been called the Most Fit City, the 9th Top Swim, the 3rd Best Park City, and a Playful City by national organizations.

- Trained 3,000 DC government employees on LGBT cultural competency
- Hosted **Vision Zero hackathon** in February 2016 to analyze data identifying safety trends which can be found online
- Launched an **online ticket appeals submission process** in September 2015, providing residents the convenience of submitting an appeal online without an in-person visit and reducing wait times

OPPORTUNITIES

Budget Autonomy and Statehood

There is one issue that affects every single Washingtonian - from the moment we're born here, or from the moment we choose to live here. Almost 240 years after our nation's founding, the residents of DC do not have a voting representative in the Congress. We are full participants in our nation's democracy. We pay taxes, we send our family members off to fight in wars, and like all other Americans, we raise our families to work hard and play by the rules. Yet without statehood, we are denied the full rights of our democracy. That is un-American. And it isn't right. So this year, Mayor Bowser and the DC Statehood Commission revived the fight to make DC the 51st state in America.



The Mayor kicked off a new chapter in the quest for statehood in the District of Columbia at the Emancipation Day activities in April and quickly thereafter released a draft constitution for the new 51st state with the New Columbia Statehood

Commission, which she co-chairs with Council Chair Phil Mendelson.

The Commission began a series of four town meetings and three sessions of a Constitutional Convention to hear from the public on questions such as the name of our new state, how large the legislature should be, and how to successfully achieve the goal of having two voting Senators and a voting member of the House of Representatives.



For the first time, residents could comment on line their hopes and suggested amendments for the governance of our new state. The Mayor proposed achieving statehood through the Tennessee Plan, which will involve an advisory referendum in November, followed by an Admissions Act in 2017.



“Although DC statehood mainly matters to its own residents, the rest of America should care too - in the world’s greatest democracy, all our citizens should be made aware of the fact that the 500,000 residents of the nation’s capital live in a democracy-free zone. Our plight needs to be brought to the attention of voters across the country—the voters to whom Congress responds.”

- Alice Rivlin & Walter Smith

**Learn more about the fight
to become the 51st state:
statehood.dc.gov**



INVESTMENTS

Kicking off the budget process in 2016, Mayor Bowser once again solicited public input at three Budget Engagement Forums and one Telephone Townhall with DC government employees in February in order to help shape the Administration's priorities and investments for the upcoming fiscal year. Residents who attended the forums helped the Administration make tough decisions about how to prioritize investments ensuring that all residents have a Fair Shot at a quality education, a safe place to live and work, and a place to call home.

From investing \$100 million in the Housing Production Trust Fund to allocating over \$1 billion in full-scale school modernizations, the FY17 budget is a plan that continues to move the District of Columbia forward. This proposal also maintains critical investments that make our communities safer, stronger, and ensures our residents have access to job training programs that keep them on the pathway to the middle class. Highlighted below are a few of the key investments in the FY 2017 Budget and Financial Plan:



- **\$75 million** enhancement to support increased student enrollment and the cost per-student investment;
- **\$1.3 billion** for full-scale school modernizations (6-year Capital Improvements Program), including estimating the need for \$900 million to complete all schools;
- **\$5.2 million** for summer programs for children and youth, and for additional staffing and resources at recreation centers;

- **\$12 million** for Fire and Emergency Medical Services Third-Party Ambulance Initiative;
- **\$2.5 million** for additional training, call takers and dispatchers at 911 answering centers
- **\$8 million** to improve the District's Crime Lab;
- **\$15 million** in DC Housing Authority budget will be used for deferred maintenance and rehabilitation of public housing;
- **\$4.8 million** for the Summer Youth Employment Program to fully fund over 12,000 14-21 year olds and 1,000 22-24 year olds;
- **\$4.5 million** for Department of Employment Services DC Career Connections to continue programs started in 2016;
- **\$1.5 million** for approximately 20 Traffic Control Operators to advance Vision Zero; and
- **\$13.1 million** for the next phase of the Homeward DC plan to provide short-term family housing and supportive services.

In a city as prosperous as ours, we can make all of these critical investments to ensure that our residents - whether they have lived here five generations or five minutes - have a fair shot. Learn more about Washington, DC's budget since 2012 at openbudget.dc.gov, a newly launched website updated quarterly to provide greater insight and transparency.

In a historic first, the Mayor signed the budget for FY 2017 - the first budget developed wholly under Budget Autonomy. This momentous step towards self-governance for the District followed a court ruling affirming the legality of Budget Autonomy, which allows the District to spend its locally-raised money without having our own budget affirmatively enacted by Congress.





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The foundation has been laid for public education in DC to show that all students can succeed in an urban school district. The District has a strong political structure, unmatched fiscal stability, teachers who are dedicated to student learning, parents who push for the best in their neighborhood and citywide schools, and students who are eager to learn and deserve a fair shot. With historic investments in teachers, programming, and school buildings, Mayor Bowser and District leaders remain committed to public education reform. As we look for a new DCPS Chancellor, we want to hear from you about your priorities for the next generation.

RSVP to join one of two upcoming community forums at dcpsrising.dc.gov. All meetings are from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Childcare and light refreshments will be provided. To request interpretation in other languages or to receive more information, please call 202-727-0696 or email DCPSrising@dc.gov.

Wednesday, September 7th at Eastern High School
Wednesday, September 14th at Savoy Elementary School