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# VOTER GUIDE

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WASHINGTON DC | NOVEMBER 8, 2016

# ENDORSEMENTS

At Large: **David Grosso**

At Large: **Robert White**

Ward 8: **Trayon White**

The Jews United For Justice Campaign Fund mobilizes the Jewish community of Greater Washington to advance grassroots campaigns for social justice and support progressive candidates for office.

Our criteria for endorsement:

**Social and Economic Justice Agenda**  
**High Ethical Standards**  
**Electability**

Learn more about the JUFJ Campaign Fund and our endorsements process at [www.jufjcampaignfund.org](http://www.jufjcampaignfund.org).

DC elections are decided by razor-thin margins:  
**your vote really matters.**

The District of Columbia offers absentee & early voting.

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# INTRODUCTION

**The Jews United for Justice Campaign Fund mobilizes the Jewish community of Greater Washington to advance campaigns for social justice and support progressive candidates for office.**

For the 2016 general election, we undertook an extensive process that allowed our organization leaders to examine where leading local candidates stand on a social justice agenda.

We convened an endorsement committee of seven representatives from our membership, board, and community partners. Rubie Coles, Alix Gould-Werth, Seth Johnson, Abby Levine, Daniel Solomon, Lauren Spokane, and Ericka Taylor reviewed detailed questionnaires, conducted lengthy candidate interviews, and consulted with a variety of local progressive advocacy partners and allies.

We made no endorsements in Wards 2 or Ward 7.

We created the JUFJ Campaign Fund to help smart, strategic, and progressive candidates cut through the noise and get elected - and to make it clear to our elected leaders that we expect them to fight for affordable housing, living wage jobs with decent benefits, and the issues that matter most. We used three core criteria to guide our decision process: the candidates had to closely align with our agenda for social and economic justice, show high ethical standards, and have a real chance of winning.

This voter guide seeks to help voters make a difference at the ballot box this month, and to put real progressive policy on the DC Council's agenda.

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# Council At Large: **David Grosso**



**A champion of paid leave and education, [David Grosso](#) has already proved himself a progressive force on the DC Council.**

A DC native, David has served on the DC Council since 2013. He co-introduced the Universal Paid Leave Act, and has been a champion of paid family and medical leave for everyone who lives and works in the District.

**[grossoatlarge.com](http://grossoatlarge.com)**

An innovative leader and policymaker, Councilmember Grosso has proposed public financing for local elections, the creation of a public bank using DC's cash reserves to reinvest in the city, and the establishment of a Public Land Trust to address gentrification.

As Chair of the Committee on Education, Councilmember Grosso approaches education holistically, supporting services outside of the school that set kids up to succeed in the classroom, and investing in health services for students. He has also brought a strong values framework to this work, fighting to close the achievement gap by investing in schools with greater need and rethinking discipline measures that disproportionately impact students of color.

Councilmember Grosso's tenure has earned him the endorsement of labor unions, who cite his support of a \$15 minimum wage, environmental groups, and the DC chapters of National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood in recognition of his commitment to working families. We trust that Councilmember Grosso will continue to fight for hardworking Washingtonians and their families in his next term.

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# Council At Large: **Robert White**



[Robert White](#) has the professional experience and the personal drive to be a progressive champion on the Council.

A fifth-generation Washingtonian, Robert has a strong local record of public service and policy experience, and is an experienced civil servant who has worked for Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and Attorney General Karl Racine.

[robertwhiteatlarge.com](http://robertwhiteatlarge.com)

Robert is thoughtful and energetic, committed to the cause of making this city a place in which everyone - including those who now struggle to make ends meet - can work, live and raise a family. Even before he took a temporary seat on the Council, we were impressed with his insider knowledge of the Council process and insight into what levers of power the Council holds: he made a point of calling out the current Council for not using their agency oversight powers to implement some of the progressive laws they have passed.

After Councilmember Vincent Orange resigned in August to lead the Chamber of Commerce, Robert White was appointed by the Democratic State Committee to fill the vacant seat. A vote for Robert this November will keep him there, from where we are confident he will continue to advance real change on the basic issues of equity and justice that are most critical to the daily lives of vulnerable DC residents.

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# Ward 8: Trayon White



[Trayon White](#) is a grassroots leader and activist who has dedicated his life to serving and fighting for his community.

For more than a decade, Trayon has organized in Ward 8 to bring opportunities for a better future to all. He founded and led Helping Inner City Kids Succeed, which supports at-risk young people whose lives have been touched by drugs, crime, or violence. He also served as the

**[trayonwhite8.com](http://trayonwhite8.com)**

Ward 8 School Board member, and led community outreach for the Office of the Attorney General.

We are confident that, as Ward 8 Councilmember, Trayon will work every day to hold central the interests of the most marginalized people in our city: to help struggling people find good jobs, to protect residents of public and low-cost housing from being pushed out of their neighborhoods, and to support people returning from prison as they reintegrate into their communities. Trayon's energy and commitment to this work is immediately evident to anyone who meets him. He's a determined campaigner with broad grassroots support: in 2011 he beat four more established competitors in a special election for school board, and in 2015's Ward 8 special election, he shocked local politics-watchers by coming just 100 votes short of beating LaRuby May despite being outraised 15-1.

Trayon White won the Democratic Primary in May against incumbent Councilmember LaRuby May. We appreciate the support that Councilmember May offered for Paid Family Leave and increased investment in quality, affordable childcare in the District, and look forward to Trayon White's strong leadership in the Ward 8 seat.

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# Early voting begins October 22.

One Judiciary Square

October 22 - November 4 | 11, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

## Find your Early Voting Center

**Ward 1:** Columbia Heights Community Center

October 28 - November 4, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

**Ward 3:** Chevy Chase Community Center

October 28 - November 4, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

**Ward 4:** Takoma Park Recreation Center

October 28 - November 4, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

**Ward 5:** Turkey Thicket Recreation Center

October 28 - November 4, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

**Ward 6:** Sherwood Recreation Center

October 28 - November 4, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

**Ward 6:** King Greenleaf Recreation Center

October 28 - November 4, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

**Ward 7:** Dorothy I. Height/Benning Library

October 28 - November 4, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

**Ward 8:** Malcolm X Elementary School

October 28 - November 4, 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

# ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

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