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# INTRODUCTION

The Jews United for Justice Campaign Fund is a grassroots community organization working in DC and Maryland to advance economic, racial, and social justice by educating and mobilizing our local Jewish communities to advance campaigns for real, immediate, and concrete improvements in people’s lives. We work to build independent electoral power alongside partners, leaders, and communities of color — including the capacity to affect who wins elections — and insist that elected leaders advance an agenda for economic justice and racial equity in our region.

## ENDORSEMENT CRITERIA

In 2022, we updated our candidate endorsement criteria:

- The candidate’s platform/incumbent’s record is **closely aligned with our community’s agenda** for social, racial, and economic justice.
- The candidate has a demonstrated commitment to **racial equity**.
- The candidate has demonstrated **integrity** as a core value.
- The candidate, their campaign, and our endorsement have the potential to change the public narrative and/or political landscape in ways that result in **concrete improvements in people’s lives**.
- The endorsement of the candidate and the impact of their campaign have the potential to **build collective grassroots power**.

The Jews United for Justice Campaign Fund makes our endorsement choices **in dialogue with key partners**.

## ENDORSEMENT TEAM

We are grateful to all of our Board members, volunteers, and staff who contributed to the endorsement process, giving generously of their time and insights, and to our partners who consulted with us throughout the process.

Alana Eichner	Amy Lieber	Daniel Solomon
Jayme Epstein	Lindsay Morris	Michelle Sternthal
Alix Gould Werth	Sarah Novick	Ericka Taylor
Seth Johnson	Abel Nuñez	
Ed Lazere	Desmond Serrette	

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# MAYOR: ROBERT WHITE



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

**Robert White has the bold vision and motivation to make transformative change in our city as our next Mayor.** The District has the money and political will for transformation, but does not yet have a leader with the desire to make it happen. Robert White is that leader.

Since 2016, White has been a consistent ally on progressive policy issues such as affordable housing and racial justice, earning a 95% on our most recent scorecard. He

served as co-architect of the Birth-to-Three for All DC Act, one of the most progressive pieces of early childhood education legislation in the country, the full funding and implementation of which is one of JUFJ Campaign Fund's top legislative priorities. He has championed restoring voting rights to incarcerated people, as well as broader needs of returning citizens. He has a track record as a problem-solver – his political career has focused on solving the challenges of everyday DC residents, not on catering to the demands of big business.

White is setting himself apart from Mayor Bowser in a number of ways, one of which is his commitment to addressing the District's housing crisis. His vision includes drastically increasing the number of deeply affordable apartments and expanding the number of rental subsidies given to individuals and families, so primarily Black and brown District residents who are otherwise being priced out can stay in their homes and neighborhoods.

As a fifth generation Washingtonian, White's roots in the District are evident in his commitment to community engagement and public accountability. We agree with his belief that the people closest to the problems are closest to the solutions; that the only way to make progress is with people. White's creative approaches to addressing long standing inequities are what our city needs from a mayor.

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***On the incumbent:***

Mayor Bowser has been a consistent barrier to progressive change in our city since she took office in 2015. Advocates and community members frequently have to work around her administration to advance important policy. Her lack of support for paid family and medical leave and early childhood education and health supports are indicative of this. She is rhetorically values focused, but has not prioritized people-centered programs and services. We sent a questionnaire to Mayor Bowser, which she did not return.

***On the other candidates:***

The JUFJ Campaign Fund endorsed Councilmember Trayon White for DC Council in 2016 and 2020. He has supported progressive policies while on the Council and been an outspoken advocate for Ward 8 residents. We sent Councilmember Trayon White a questionnaire, which he did not return.

The endorsement committee did not interview James Butler.

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# ATTORNEY GENERAL: BRUCE SPIVA



[spivafordcag.com](https://spivafordcag.com)

**Bruce Spiva is an experienced civil rights attorney with the vision necessary to lead the Office of the Attorney General as a force for positive change in the District.** As the managing partner of a large law firm, Spiva actively promoted a racially diverse staff. He led his own small law firm in a way that made his people know they were part of a larger social justice mission. His professional career is defined by tireless work for social change, including arguing a voting rights case

before the Supreme Court, being a steadfast advocate for DC statehood and reproductive rights.

While we are disappointed that Spiva is not using public financing, he supports the program and has pledged not to take contributions from corporations or people doing business with the city.

## ***On the other candidates:***

Brian Schwalb's experience handling billion-dollar civil cases and pro bono death penalty clients makes him well qualified for the office. He is committed to improving DC's juvenile justice system and to holding local government accountable to the people. However, Schwalb did not make a case for why he would be more effective than Spiva.

The endorsement committee did not interview Ryan Jones.

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# COUNCIL CHAIR: ERIN PALMER



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

**Erin Palmer is committed to building a DC that works for every person and family.** She has been a strong advocate for the District's working families for years, both as an individual and as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (ANC). As Council Chairwoman, she will work to ensure all residents have access to safe, stable, and affordable housing, create and maintain equitable tax policy, and invest resources directly into historically marginalized communities.

Palmer demonstrates her integrity and commitment through action. She stood side-by-side with JUFJ in the fight for paid family and medical leave. As an ANC commissioner, Palmer led successful efforts to support expanding and improving rent control, requiring racial equity training for all ANCs, and enacting many of the Police Reform Commission's recommendations to reform the Metropolitan Police Department, including divesting funds from local police and reinvesting in community-based supports.

Palmer also plans to enact much needed governance reform to make the DC Council more effective. As Chair, she has pledged to immediately increase Council transparency, accessibility, and public accountability. She proposes doing this by creating a collaborative Council that moves reforms together, rather than a divided one which can obstruct meaningful change. Her professional experience in ethics and elected leadership and her long history of advocacy make her an ideal Chair to lead these vital reforms.

On the campaign trail, Palmer is making a point to visit every neighborhood throughout the city (via public transit) to listen to the needs of the community. We are confident she will carry that community-centered focus into the office of Council Chair.

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***On the incumbent:***

Phil Mendelson has performed poorly on the Campaign Fund's [DC Council scorecard](#) for years, with his score decreasing with every new scorecard (60% in 2016, 53% in 2018, and 35% in 2020). Mendelson has played a key role in the passage of important legislation, such as DC's paid family and medical leave program. However, he does not proactively advance, and frequently hinders, progressive priorities such as increased taxes on wealthy residents, stronger tenants' rights, and efforts to increase housing affordability. In addition, Mendelson supports the status quo of Council operations.

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# COUNCIL AT-LARGE: NATE FLEMING



**Nate Fleming is thoughtful, experienced, and unafraid to fight for what's right.**

His career-long commitment to fighting inequity and knowledge of the inner-workings of the DC Council means that he will be a progressive champion for the District starting on day one. Fleming will take courageous votes for policies that benefit poor and working class Black and Brown residents.

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

Of all the candidates, Fleming has the most experience pur-

suing legislative change and brings creative solutions and tangible skills to bear. He served as DC's Shadow Representative from 2013-2015, where he raised awareness about DC statehood. Most recently, he served as Legislative and Committee Director for Councilmember Trayon White, where he drafted legislation to stem the eviction crisis, invest in community-based violence interruption programs, and reform and hold DC police accountable. The JUFJ Campaign Fund endorsed Fleming in his unsuccessful bid for the Democratic At-Large seat in the 2014 primary. He is a proven progressive leader with deep community ties who will continue to build bridges and engage in conversation with the community as a councilmember.

Fleming is a determined campaigner who has done well as a fundraiser and knocked on more doors than any other candidate, suggesting he has a strong strategy to win. We are confident he will join others we have endorsed for Council who now form a potent majority to move DC forward on the issues that are a priority for JUFJ and our allies.



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***On the incumbent:***

Anita Bonds' record as a councilmember and Chair of the Council's Committee on Housing and Executive Administration shows that she does not align with JUFJ Campaign Fund's policy positions. She has not provided meaningful oversight over the District's housing agencies, moved forward advocates' demands for a stronger rent control program, or worked for a comprehensive solution to DC's housing crisis.

***On the other candidates:***

Lisa Gore was impressive and well liked by the committee. Her professional experience as a public servant and personal experience as a parent influence her approach to policy work. However Gore did not make a case for why she'd be more effective than Fleming.

We enjoyed meeting Dexter Williams. While he would be a bridge-builder on the Council, we did not find his policy positions as aligned with the Campaign Fund as Fleming's.

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# COUNCIL WARD I: BRIANNE NADEAU



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

**Councilmember Brianne Nadeau is a fierce leader on progressive issues and transparent government.** Nadeau earned a 90% on [our most recent scorecard](#). She has consistently shown a commitment to passing strong, effective legislation over her time on the DC Council. She has worked closely with the members of the community and advocates to ensure that legislation meets the most pressing needs of the District's most vulnerable residents.

During her first two terms, Councilmember Nadeau has been a champion for housing affordability and security. She fought on behalf of renters to oppose legislation that would have weakened tenant protections, making housing for individuals and families more unstable. This winter, she fought for the rights of unhoused District residents to stay in their encampment homes while awaiting permanent housing.

Councilmember Nadeau has repeatedly found ways to raise revenue for critical programs and services that benefit the District's poor and working class Black and brown communities, including people who are experiencing homelessness, children, and immigrants. In 2020, she was the lead architect of the budget amendment that cut back wasteful tax giveaways to thriving tech companies and redirected those funds to essential needs. In 2021, alongside Councilmembers Charles Allen and Janeese Lewis George, she co-authored the crucial tax increase on millionaires that boosted pay for essential early childhood educators and provided permanent supportive housing to thousands of DC families. Throughout the pandemic she has taken action on behalf of DC workers excluded from federal stimulus funds to help them secure local relief funds.

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Councilmember Nadeau’s leadership has directly resulted in positive change in the city and especially in her ward. Her efforts have put more than 1,200 affordable units in the pipeline, improved parks, and resulted in modernization of Ward 1 schools. We endorsed Councilmember Nadeau in 2014 and 2018, and are confident she will continue to meet the needs of Ward 1 residents – and residents across the District – in her next term.

***On the other candidates:***

The endorsement committee interviewed Sabel Harris, who did not make a persuasive case for why she would be more effective than Councilmember Nadeau, and did not interview Salah Czapary.

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## COUNCIL WARD 3: MATT FRUMIN



**Matt Frumin is a passionate advocate for public education and DC's seniors with deep relationships in Ward 3.** He understands that Ward 3 does better when the whole city does better. His nearly two decades of advocacy experience, commitment to supporting the District's most marginalized residents, and action-oriented approach will make him an important ally on the Council.

[fruminforward3.com](http://fruminforward3.com)

Frumin helped secure critical funding for moderate and deeply af-

fordable apartments in his previous role as Board Chair of the Lisner Home. As Ward 3 councilmember, he will support expanding renter's rights, giving domestic workers legal protection in their workplaces, and creating one fair wage for DC's tipped workers. Frumin plans to approach policy issues through the prism of racial equity. While our views on public safety do not align perfectly, we look forward to working together to further develop a better approach to racial justice issues.

Councilmember Cheh removed herself from the race late in the cycle and created an unexpected open contest. Despite this dynamic, Frumin has developed a strong and noticeable campaign in a short time. In a crowded field with candidates ranging from more progressive to much more conservative, the endorsement committee believes Frumin is the most progressive candidate who can win the Ward 3 Council seat.

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***On the other candidates:***

The endorsement committee also interviewed Ben Bergmann, Tricia Duncan, and Beau Finley, and it is clear that Matt Frumin's values and his positions on the issues are the most aligned with the JUFJ Campaign Fund and he has the clearest path to victory. Beau Finley agrees with the Campaign Fund on certain issues and has significant experience working with labor unions, but did not demonstrate a clear path to victory. Ben Bergmann had strong ideas around childcare, but did not articulate a broader progressive vision for the city. Tricia Duncan displayed a lot of enthusiasm, but is a relative newcomer to Ward politics. Eric Goulet simply does not align with the Campaign Fund on the key issues. The endorsement committee did not interview Deirdre Brown, Henry Cohen, Monte Monash, or Phil Thomas.

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# COUNCIL WARD 5: ZACHARY PARKER



**Zachary Parker is the bold leader Ward 5 deserves.** As Ward 5 councilmember, he will work tirelessly toward his vision for DC: that all residents be able to live and thrive. Through a racial equity lens, with social justice values and thanks to his significant policy knowledge, Parker will be well-positioned to fight for transformative change in Ward 5 and across the District.

The JUFJ Campaign Fund endorsed Parker for his successful run as Ward 5 member of the DC State Board of

[zacharyforward5.com](http://zacharyforward5.com)

Education (SBOE) in 2018. As Ward 5 member and then President of the SBOE, Parker has been a champion for equity and accountability in our public schools, including leading an effort to support fully funding early childhood education and care, demanding fair pay for substitute teachers, speaking out for COVID-19 safety, and calling for an end to biased school rating systems.

He has also shown a deep commitment to meaningfully engage and work with community members, as well as work collaboratively with his colleagues. As a councilmember, Parker plans to create permanently and deeply affordable housing to protect residents from being pushed out of their neighborhoods. He is also in favor of addressing root causes of violence, de-centering police in our approach to public safety, and building up healthy communities.

Zachary Parker has been endorsed by past JUFJ Campaign Fund endorsees Karl Racine and Ed Lazere, as well as partners DC for Democracy, DC Working Families Party, and Metro DC DSA. He is committed to bringing government to the people, and we are confident he will bring an inclusive, effective policy agenda to the Council.

## ***On the other candidates:***

The endorsement committee also interviewed Faith Gibson Hubbard and Gordon Fletcher, and we concluded Parker will be a more active leader in the push for meaningful change. Vincent Orange's values and policy positions are less aligned with the JUFJ Campaign Fund.

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# COUNCIL WARD 6: CHARLES ALLEN



[charlesallen2022.com](https://charlesallen2022.com)

**Councilmember Charles Allen knows how to bring together a Council coalition that can pass bills and budget measures with a clear majority.** In his time on the Council, Allen has proven that he is a hard worker and a powerful force in enacting progressive policies that put everyday people before powerful business interests.

Councilmember Allen led a two year effort to raise taxes on DC's wealthiest residents and co-authored the successful 2021 effort to invest that

new revenue in early childhood care, housing vouchers, and the District's first-ever minimum basic income for working families. He also supported additional efforts to cut back wasteful tax giveaways to big companies, and has been a reliable supporter of paid family and medical leave for DC's working families throughout his time on the Council.

In his role as Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary, Councilmember Allen shepherded through justice-oriented changes to policing and public safety that the police union and others fiercely opposed. He also created the District's Fair Elections program to publicly finance local political campaigns, which has transformed the way candidates run for office, empowering more diverse candidates to run and win races, and elevating the voices and donations of ordinary DC residents over deep-pocketed special interests in our city.

The JUFJ Campaign Fund endorsed Councilmember Allen in 2014 and 2018, and he received an 85% on our [most recent scorecard](#). While Allen and the Campaign Fund are frequently aligned, his recent support for Mayor Bowser's efforts to clear encampments of unhoused residents before they were given access to permanent housing has been a key area of disagreement with the JUFJ Campaign Fund. Even in moments of disagreement, Councilmember Allen cares about what the JUFJ Campaign Fund says and takes our concerns seriously.

There are no other candidates in this race.

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# YES ON 82: ONE FAIR WAGE



[betterrestaurantsdc.org](https://betterrestaurantsdc.org)

Ending the “tipped wage” is a key step to ensuring that everyone who works can earn a decent living and sustain their families. If you want people who work for tips to earn more and be harassed and exploited less, vote YES on 82.

Initiative 82 is the second iteration of Initiative 77, which the JUF Campaign Fund endorsed in 2018. In that election, DC voters showed undeniable support for one fair wage for workers, and I77 passed. Unfortunately a majority of the

DC Council overturned the will of the people, and we need I82 to make one fair wage with tips on top a reality for DC workers. Like I77, I82 would gradually raise the tipped minimum wage, currently \$5.05/hour, to match the standard minimum wage, currently \$15.20/hour, by 2027. Technically employers are required to “top off” tipped staff when tips fall short of the standard minimum wage, but there is no effective method of enforcement.

Initiative 82 was created by the DC Committee to Build a Better Restaurant Industry. The opposition to I82 is funded and driven by the wealthy local and national restaurant industry lobby. Their efforts have misled voters, owners, and tipped workers, claiming that one fair and equal wage with tips on top will make customers stop tipping, drive up the cost of going out, and ultimately force restaurants and bars to close.

But seven states, including California, already have one equal wage with tips on top, and copious data show that one fair wage actually positively impacted their hospitality industries. Servers in states with one fair wage did not lose their tips, but started making more money, and that added stability is key to retaining employees as we move into the third year of the pandemic. The same lobbyists claimed the sky would fall and businesses would flee when DC banned smoking in restaurants, expanded sick leave to restaurant workers, and created paid family leave. We know better than to believe them.



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Tipped workers in DC are significantly more likely to experience harassment and wage theft, and less likely to report it. The usual stressors of the job and the increased risk of working in person during the pandemic has caused thousands of service workers to leave the hospitality industry in search of safer and more stable jobs. Initiative 82 will not prevent harassment, but if DC truly wants a just recovery from the pandemic where everyone has the resources to survive, service workers need one fair wage with tips on top.

Initiative 82 will also increase wages for nail salon employees, parking attendants, bellhops, etc. Service jobs are an essential part of our economy, and we need to make sure that every job can be a good job.

For more information, visit [betterrestaurantsdc.org](https://betterrestaurantsdc.org). You do not need to be a registered Democrat to vote YES on Initiative 82. We know better than to believe them.

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# IN-PERSON VOTING

If you are voting in person, you may vote at **ANY VOTE CENTER IN ANY WARD** from Friday, June 10 through Sunday, June 19, 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM or on Election Day: Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

## Ward 1:

- Columbia Heights Community Center (15th & Girard NW)
- Prince Hall Center for the Performing Arts (10th & U NW)
- Marie Reed Elementary School (18th & Kalorama NW)
- Rita Bright Family and Youth Center (14th & Clifton NW)
- Bancroft Elementary School (Newton & Mt Pleasant NW)

## Ward 2:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library (9th & G NW)
- West End Neighborhood Library (24th & L NW)
- Hardy Middle School (34th & Wisconsin NW)

## Ward 3:

- Oyster Adams Bilingual School (29th & Calvert NW)
- Palisades Recreation Center (Sherier Pl NW)
- Chevy Chase Recreation Center (Connecticut & McKinley NW)
- Cleveland Park Library (Connecticut & Newark NW)
- Alice Deal Middle School (Fort Dr & Nebraska NW)
- Janney Elementary School (42nd & Albemarle NW)
- University of the District of Columbia Student Center (Connecticut & Windom NW)

## Ward 4:

- Lafayette Elementary School (Broad Branch & Northampton NW)
- Shepherd Elementary School (14th & Kalmia NW)
- Emery Heights Community Center (Georgia & Madison NW)
- Raymond Recreation Center (10th & Spring NW)

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## Ward 5:

- McKinley Technology High School (T & Summit PI NE)
- Turkey Thicket Recreation Center (Michigan & Quincy NE)
- Trinidad Recreation Center (Childress & Orren NE)
- Langdon Park Recreation Center (20th & Hamlin NE)

## Ward 6:

- Walker Jones Education Campus (New Jersey & L NW)
- King Greenleaf Recreation Center (Delaware & N SW)
- Sherwood Recreation Center (10th & G NE)

## Ward 7:

- Benning Stoddert Community Center (Stoddert & E Capitol SE)
- Deanwood Community Center & Library (49th & Quarles NE)
- Hillcrest Recreation Center (32nd & Denver SE)
- Ridge Road Community Center (Ridge SE)
- Rosedale Recreation Center (17th & Gales NE)
- Woody Ward Community Center (51st & Southern SE)
- Kimball Elementary School (Minnesota & E SE)

## Ward 8:

- Bald Eagle Recreation Center (Joliet & MLK Jr SE)
- Turner Elementary School (Stanton & Alabama SE)
- Arthur Capper Recreation Center (5th & K SE)
- Ballou Senior High School (4th SE)
- Anacostia High School (16th & R SE)
- Barry Farm Recreation Center (Sumner & Wade SE)
- Ferebee-Hope Recreation Center (8th & Yuma SE)
- Woody Ward Community Center (51st & Southern SE)
- Kimball Elementary School (Minnesota & E SE)

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