

Mayor Muriel Bowser's

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

2021

Looking Back at an
Unprecedented Year, Looking
Forward to an Equitable
Recovery

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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR





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Dear Washingtonians:

2020 was a year like no other. As a pandemic swept the globe and Americans reckoned with injustices as old as our nation, we also witnessed, time and time again, the resiliency and compassion of our community.

Through everything, Washingtonians stood shoulder to shoulder. Across all eight wards, we stayed home to flatten the curve. Health care workers responded with courage. Neighbors delivered meals to homebound seniors. Grocery store employees worked long hours stocking shelves. We turned firehouses into testing sites and built a free testing system that is second to none. In the midst of it all, we stood together to send a clear message to the world that Black Lives Matter. And, after decades of advocacy, we moved closer to DC statehood than ever before.



I have said throughout this pandemic that we are all in this together and that we will get through it together. In 2021, we will recover together.

Already, thousands of Washingtonians have received a safe and effective vaccine. In the coming weeks and months, thousands more will get vaccinated. And slowly but surely, we will come back together.

In 2021, we will get our young people back in the classroom with their teachers and peers. Washingtonians will go back to work, and small businesses will welcome back customers. Together, we will continue the work that never really stopped – the work to build healthy and inclusive communities across all eight wards.

One thing I know about Washington, DC is that we are a city that knows how to rise to a challenge. And while our collective comeback is just getting started, I know that if we stick together, we will come out of this a stronger, more equitable, and more resilient Washington, DC. I am honored to be your mayor during this most unprecedented time, and I look forward to the work ahead.

With hope and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Bowser" being more prominent.

Muriel Bowser
Mayor



STATEHOOD & DC VALUES

Throughout 2020, and while fighting COVID-19, together, we continued to advance DC Values and build a more inclusive, equitable, and resilient DC.

On June 26, 2020, the U.S. House of Representatives passed HR 51, the first time a chamber of Congress has voted in favor of making DC the 51st state.

\$3.6M

in HOPE Grants to DC-based nonprofits conducting public health outreach

\$2.5M

to continue the Immigrant Justice Legal Services grant program

7 out of 8

facilities opened to close DC General in favor of Short Term Family Housing

10 Family Success Centers



EDUCATION & RECREATION

**\$1.92
BILLION**

FY21 budget includes \$1.92 billion for a 3% increase to the Uniform per Student Funding Formula and \$75 million for new childcare and early childhood education seats



6,000

Connected more than 6,000 families to free internet through the Internet for All program



140

DC Public Schools opened more than 140 CARE classrooms at 79 schools



\$10M

\$10 million grant program for the District's public charter schools to support and prioritize the return of students to classrooms and contribute to the equitable resourcing for reopening efforts across the city



\$211M

Celebrated the opening of the new \$211 million Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library in downtown DC & broke ground on the new Southwest Library

Opened the new Shepherd Park Community Center, Alethia Tanner Park, and the Petworth Playground

ENVIRONMENT



Launched the Transportation and Climate Initiative Program (TCI-P), a groundbreaking, multi-jurisdictional pact with CT, MA, and RI to **cut transportation pollution by 26%**

Joined 17 cities to launch Students Reinventing Cities, a pioneering competition that will enable students and universities from across the globe to share their vision for green and thriving neighborhoods

Reinventing Cities



Planted
8,460
new trees



950
blocks adopted across all 8 wards, a 300% increase in participation in three years



Launched the **GREEN BANK** to help the District meet its Clean Energy DC goals by supporting programs like Solar for All, which trains residents for green jobs and provides no-cost electricity to low-income families.

JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



As federal relief ran out, the District sent **\$1,200 local stimulus checks** to more than **9,000 residents** receiving Pandemic Unemployment Assistance



Celebrated the **groundbreaking at MLK Gateway**, a renovation that will bring office, retail, and other neighborhood amenities to Ward 8



DC Government spent more than \$1.13B with Small Business Enterprises (SBEs) and SBE-credited businesses and released the SBE Opportunity Guide for Fiscal Year 2021, also known as the "Green Book"

\$1.5B
in
unemployment benefits
disbursed to workers during the pandemic



Finished the **Fight for \$15** on July 1, 2020



Issued the EquityRFP for the Frank D. Reeves Center site in Ward 1, **the future site of the NAACP National Headquarters**

The Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program went virtual in 2020, providing more than **8,400 young people** with meaningful job opportunities.





PUBLIC SAFETY



Jerry M., et al. v. District of Columbia:

Successful reforms led to the end of a 35-year court oversight over the DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services



8 District firehouses

converted into neighborhood testing sites



20,900 private security cameras

funded citywide through the Private Security Camera Rebate Program

Created a Disaster Logistics Center to store and distribute supplies, including **\$41M of personal protective equipment** to health care providers, first responders, small businesses, and houses of worship



HEALTH



2 AGREEMENTS FOR NEW HOSPITALS -

one at the St. Elizabeths East Campus and a new Howard University Hospital

HIRED

389

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MEMBERS



Because of the District's reimbursement efforts, **DC accounts for 40% of all COVID-related public assistance**

obligated by FEMA in the Mid-Atlantic region

280,000+ tests

completed at the District's free public testing sites

More than 26,500 vaccine doses administered to health care workers, frontline workers, and vulnerable residents in the first four weeks of distribution.



HOUSING

You can track the District's progress toward #36000by2025 at open.dc.gov/36000by2025



At the start of her second term, Mayor Bowser set a bold goal to deliver 36,000 new homes – including at least 12,000 affordable homes – by 2025.

From January 2019 through December 2020, the District has produced 14,404 homes, of which 2,028 are affordable.

MOVING CLOSER TO 36,000, ONE HOME AT A TIME:

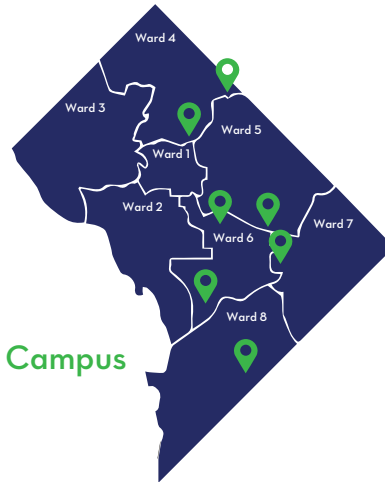


Broke ground on Spring Flats (Ward 4), 185-unit affordable housing community



Opened 555 E Street SW (Ward 6) - 58 affordable homes for seniors

- Broke ground on Riggs Park Place (Ward 4) - 90 new townhomes, at least 5 affordable
- Opened Park Kennedy at Hill East (Ward 7) - 262 new homes, 31 affordable homes
- Opened The Fortitude at Delta Towers (Ward 5) - 179 affordable homes for seniors
- Completed The Residences at the St. Elizabeths East Campus (Ward 8) - 252 new homes - 202 affordable homes
- Broke ground on Northwest One (Ward 6) - Marks first onsite housing development under the New Communities Initiative since it began in 2005. 3-phase project will include 740 homes, 518 affordable homes, and 22 permanent supportive housing units.



36,000 BY 2025

TRANSPORTATION & REIMAGINING PUBLIC SPACES



Registered 766 “Streateries,” allowing restaurants and retailers to use sidewalks, alleys, parking lanes, and travel lanes for table seating and curbside pickup and delivery.



Resurfaced over **140 miles of roads** through PaveDC



Installed over **4 miles of protected bike lanes**, expanding the District's network by over 30%



Completed the **final arches of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Bridge**, set to open in December 2021



Installed **26 miles of Slow Streets** to support neighborhood-based safe social distancing

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MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER PRESENTS

2021 FAIR SHOT

BUDGET ENGAGEMENTS

FEBRUARY 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

SENIOR BUDGET ENGAGEMENT FORUM
Wednesday, FEBRUARY 10 - 12PM

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT FORUM #1
Tuesday, FEBRUARY 16 - 6PM

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT FORUM #2
Thursday, FEBRUARY 18 - 6PM

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT FORUM #3
Saturday, FEBRUARY 20 - 11AM

For more information and to RSVP visit budget.dc.gov

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