



MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S

2020

# ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

*Executive Summary*

Going into her second term, Mayor Muriel Bowser recommitted to working with the community to give more Washingtonians the fair shot we each deserve. This report shows how over this past year, we have worked together to live our DC values and continuously improve our growing city. The report delivers on Mayor Bowser's commitment to transparency and accountability, and offers a comprehensive look into the Administration's goals and priorities.



## Dear Washingtonians,

In January 2019, I was sworn in as the Mayor of my hometown for the second time. A year later, we can look back at this first year of my second term with great pride. As a community, we brought with us lessons from the past four years. We brought a strong understanding of our shared values and a commitment to working together to build an even more inclusive Washington, DC.

Over the past year we have taken new approaches to some of our biggest and most long-standing challenges. We made DC one of the first cities in the nation to set affordable housing targets by neighborhood. We went before Congress at the first House hearing on DC statehood in over 25 years and made our case for full equality. We signed into law the boldest and most forward-thinking climate legislation in the nation, and took steps to make DC the greenest, healthiest, and most sustainable city in the world.

This year has also been about building on the progress we made together during my first term. I was eager in 2018 to finally close the rundown and too-big-to-succeed DC General. This past year, we continued to open the safer and more dignified short-term family housing facilities that neighbors across DC worked hard to make a reality. We also made big investments in making DC more affordable for longtime residents, families, and seniors, investing in bigger tax credits for homeowners and renters, eliminating the diaper tax, and building programs like Taxi-to-Rail that help residents get around DC for free. As we have done every year I've been in office, we kept our focus on ensuring every family in every neighborhood has access to high-quality educational opportunities, opening the new Ida B. Wells Middle School in Ward 4 and the new Bard High School Early College DC in Ward 7. In the most recent budget, we invested more than \$50 million into creating more high-quality child care seats and early childhood education opportunities.



As we reflect on the achievements of this past year, we do so fully aware of the work still ahead. We use our past successes as motivation to continue building a District of Columbia that works for residents of all backgrounds and across the income spectrum. In 2019, the Mystics successfully ran it back, the Nationals finished the fight, our public schools were the fastest improving in the nation, and our city earned a new nickname: the District of Champions. In 2020, let's keep on winning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop for the letter 'B'.

Muriel Bowser  
Mayor

# 2ND TERM FOCUS AREAS



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# EDUCATION



## ENROLLMENT

After **11 consecutive years of growth** at our public schools, DCPS has more than 50,000 students for the first time since 2006.

## NAEP RESULTS

According to the 2019 NAEP results, **DC continues to be the fastest improving state in the nation** and DCPS continues to be the fastest improving urban school district in the nation.

Washington, DC was one of only two states to make **significant improvement in three out of four areas** on the NAEP assessment this year.

## PARCC SCORES



DC's public schools celebrated **4 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF IMPROVEMENT** on the PARCC assessment.



This District hit a goal of funding **1,000** additional child care slots by 2020.



# JOBS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



## DC INFRASTRUCTURE ACADEMY

In FY19, **599 DC residents** successfully completed a training at the DC Infrastructure Academy.

## READY CENTER

DOES partnered with the Department of Corrections to serve more than **260 residents** with counseling on community-based job opportunities.



More than **\$890 million**

spent with local Small Business Enterprises in FY19



### The DC Infrastructure Academy

graduated its first cohort of Pepco trainees to fully train on site, with **100% of graduates extended job offers**

by either Pepco or one of their subcontractors.



# ENVIRONMENT AND RESILIENCY



In January, Mayor Bowser signed the

## CLEAN ENERGY DC OMNIBUS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2018

codifying the District as the nation's preeminent **leader in clean energy and climate action** by setting a mandate of 100% renewable electricity by the year 2032.



**#1 in the nation for green roofs**, with 4 million square feet and counting

**#1 park system** in the nation

**\$5.7 MILLION**

to create a **digital twin of DC** to model how water moves through DC and help us plan and prepare better for future flooding.

**\$3M MILLION**

in **electric vehicle charging** infrastructure in order to support the electrification of the DC government fleet.



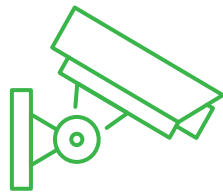
Broke ground on the **DC Power Line Undergrounding Project (PLUG)**, a joint \$500 million, multi-year project.



# PUBLIC SAFETY



## PRIVATE SECURITY CAMERAS



More than **17,000 private security cameras** funded citywide through the Private Security Camera Rebate Program.

## HANDS ON HEARTS



Trained more than **70,000 residents and visitors** through the District's Hands on Hearts CPR program.

**\$5 MILLION**

investment to expand the MPD crime cameras program by adding at least 140 cameras to the network - a **70% expansion** of the existing network



# STATEHOOD AND GOOD GOVERNMENT



**AAA  
BOND  
RATING**

## STATEHOOD



On September 19, 2019, the Committee on Oversight and Reform held **the first U.S. House of Representatives hearing on DC statehood in over 25 years.**



The Washington, DC Admission Act (H.R. 51 / S.631) now has **224 cosponsors in the House**, including 221 voting members (4 more than needed to pass a vote), and **35 cosponsors in the Senate.**



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**CONSECUTIVE  
BALANCED  
BUDGETS**



More than **12,000 residents** received supplemental groceries through Joyful Food Markets and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS



## NEW HEALTH CENTER



Announced that Whitman-Walker Health will build a state-of-the-art health center on **St. Elizabeths East Campus** to provide critical healthcare services East of the Anacostia River.

**The new center will serve up to 15,000 patients annually.**



Hosted the Second Annual **National Maternal and Infant Health Summit**



# HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

## HOUSING PRODUCTION TRUST FUND

In FY19, the Bowser Administration got **\$123 million** from the Housing Production Trust Fund out the door and into projects that supported the creation or preservation of nearly **1,000 affordable homes**.



Nearly **400 families** purchased their first home using the District's Home Purchase Assistance Programs.

## SHORT-TERM FAMILY HOUSING

After closing DC General in 2018, the Bowser Administration **opened 5 new short-term family housing sites** and reduced the average length of stay in shelter to 90 days.



Since Fall/Winter 2018-2019,

**948**

families have exited shelter to permanent housing.



# 36,000 BY 2025

In 2019, Mayor Bowser set a goal to **add 36,000 new homes in the District by 2025**, once again making DC a regional leader on housing issues.



In October, the Mayor release an updated Comprehensive Plan that sets a positive, long-term vision for the District.

## HOUSING EQUITY

With the release of the Mayor's Housing Equity Report, Washington, DC became **one of the first cities in the nation to create area-specific goals for affordable housing** and dedicate an entire initiative to examining the barriers and opportunities within each area.

**Read the report at [bit.ly/housingequityreport](https://bit.ly/housingequityreport)**



**Getting closer to 36,000:**

In 2019, new affordable homes opened on the St. Elizabeths East campus.

# BACK TO BASICS



## TAXI-TO-RAIL PROGRAM

Launched the **Fair Shot Free Rides Taxi-to-Rail (T2R) program**, which provides residents in neighborhoods East of the Anacostia River with **free rides** to Metro stations, grocery stores, libraries, and recreation centers.

## BUS-ONLY LANES

Created high-visibility, bus-only lanes **along H and I Streets, NW** during peak rush hours, when up to 70 buses travel through these corridors every hour.

Through the efforts of **PaveDC**, 100 miles of roads were paved in 2019 and nearly 80% of roads are now in good or excellent condition.

Renovated **128 alleys** during two **AlleyPalooza** campaigns in 2019

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# 2020 BUDGET

## ENGAGEMENT FORUMS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

SENIOR BUDGET ENGAGEMENT  
TELEPHONE TOWNHALL

12:00 pm

To RSVP, please call 202.442.8150

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT FORUM #1

6:30 pm

Edgewood Recreation Center  
301 Franklin Street, NE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT FORUM #2

6:30 pm

UDC Student Center  
4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW

BUDGET ENGAGEMENT FORUM #3

11:00 am

Kenilworth Recreation Center  
4321 Ord Street, NE

To RSVP visit:

[2020BudgetForums.eventbrite.com](https://2020BudgetForums.eventbrite.com)

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GOVERNMENT OF THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR