

RENEE BOWSER'S REMARKS ENDORSING LEWIS GEORGE

May 26, 2020

Today, I endorse Janeese Lewis George for the Democratic nomination for Ward 4 Councilmember on the District of Columbia Council in the June 2nd Primary. I endorse because I believe that these challenging times require a Ward 4 Councilmember who will fight for equity and the benefits of our City for every Ward 4 resident.

The Covid-19 pandemic has exposed and heightened the great disparities among many Ward 4 residents. We must take notice and take action to change the trajectory to deliver dignity for all Ward 4 residents! I believe, based on my service as a Petworth Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, that we must elect a Ward 4 Councilmember who will fight to reverse the tide of displacement of low-income renters and homeowners sweeping Ward 4. I believe, as a life-long trade unionist and worker advocate, that we must elect a Ward 4 Councilmember who will fight to elevate workers by supporting paid family leave, eliminating the great disparity in wages of tipped servers, supporting full time work with consistent scheduling for retail workers, and fighting for full implementation of DC's First Source law. And I believe, as a community activist, we must elect a Ward 4 Councilmember who will fight to implement racial and economic equity in economic development to benefit Ward 4 and City residents rather than promote profiteering of developers.

Our current Councilmember has failed to promote these priorities. These crisis times demand immediate action to promote the dignity and rights of all Ward 4 residents. Electing Janeese Lewis George will start us on that path!

You can vote for Janeese at one of three Ward 4 Vote Centers during early voting from now through June 1 and on Election Day, June 2. They are: Ida B. Wells Middle School, 405 Sheridan St., NW, Emery Heights Community Center, 5801 Georgia Ave., NW, and Raymond Recreation Center, 3725 10th St., NW.