



WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK

Pledge to take action as a Washington Interfaith Network Accountability Voter!

The budget season is upon us, and the only way the will of voters becomes reflected in the budget is we demand it. Between now and the final budget vote in June, WIN is organizing voters from all across the district to stand together to demand that the budget reflects the values of a District where:

**all can afford to live,
we invest in our youth, and
everyone has a chance at a job with dignity.**

We have worked with community leaders, non-profits and policy experts to craft the "WIN BUDGET" - proposals that reflect these values by addressing the housing affordability crisis, homelessness, disconnected youth, and entrenched unemployment. (see <http://www.windc-iaf.org/budgetcampaign>).

How can I make my voice heard?

As the budget process unfolds, some elected officials will stand with us, some against us, and some will be on the fence and need some help to act on these priorities. At key moments in the legislative process we will call upon you to act in concert with your neighbors to ensure DC is a place of opportunity for all. If you share the values reflected in the WIN BUDGET we invite you to act with us by doing 3 things:

- 1. Signing the petition** to show elected officials there is broad voter support for these priorities,
- 2. Staying informed throughout the budget process.** From April through the final vote in June we will send regular updates about where your elected officials stand on the WIN BUDGET to help you stay informed.
- 3. Acting with us on our May 1st (confirmed) and May 20th (tentative) Actions.** At least 24 hours before the action date we will send you an email updating you on which councilmembers still need persuading to vote for the WIN BUDGET and instructions for how to email, and call the councilmembers to say:

"I am a DC Voter who lives at X address. I support the WIN budget and so should you!"

Together we can demonstrate broad voter support for a DC budget that supports a city for all.

Your signature says, "I share these priorities and I stand ready, when called upon by WIN, to use my power as a voter to stand with thousands of others to hold elected officials accountable to acting on these priorities by talking to my elected official face to face, contacting them via telephone or email on upcoming action dates."

*Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) is an organization of over 50 congregations, nonprofits, schools, and unions. We work with the people who want to transform DC—from what it is to what they believe it can be. We bring together organizations to multiply their power, and mobilize people by the thousands to make their voices heard. WIN is an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation. In this region our sister organizations are Action In Montgomery, Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development, People Action Together in Howard (County), and Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement. Washington Interfaith Network * 1226 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20005 * 202-518-08151 * www.windc-iaf.org*

WIN Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Priorities

Build Homes

We support the dedication of \$100 million for the production of additional units of affordable housing. On February 5, 2013, Mayor Vincent C. Gray announced the dedication of \$100 million for the production of additional units of affordable housing through the FY13 Supplemental budget. After years of budget cuts, this use of the District's "prosperity dividend" is received with great welcome.

Invest \$32 million in affordable housing programs for FY14. In alignment with our fellow coalition members of CNHED and the Fair Budget coalition, WIN proposes \$20 million for the Housing Production trust fund, \$8 million for Local rent supplement programs and \$4 million for Home Purchase Assistance Programs

End Chronic Homelessness in 5 Years Invest \$13.5 million in the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Housing First Program to serve 540 additional chronically homeless individuals and families.

Invest in Our Youth

Reach all homeless youth by 2018 Invest \$6.1 million in year one to provide housing, intensive counseling, educational, and career services for 150 youth. As well as to fund for the first time a coordinated and mobile intake system for the estimated 3,000 youth ages 16-24 who experience homelessness every year in DC.

Connecting Disconnected Youth Education and a Career

Invest \$5 million to serve 1,000 disconnected youth. There are 9,910 youth in DC who are neither in school nor have a job. This funding would connect 1,000 youth 16-24 with high quality and outcome driven programs to reconnect disconnected youth with school and / or training and employment.

A Modern City with Jobs for All

DC must upgrade its infrastructure to green and modernize our city. This creates opportunities to connect unemployed residents with careers. In the FY2014 Budget Support Act WIN will organize to include language on **accountability and incentives for hiring unemployed residents** in areas such as **Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrades** at DC Water & DC Department of Environment and **Energy Retrofits** on private homes and public buildings

Join us! Visit <http://www.windc-iaf.org> or contact your local WIN organizer