



# WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK 2014 YEAR END REPORT

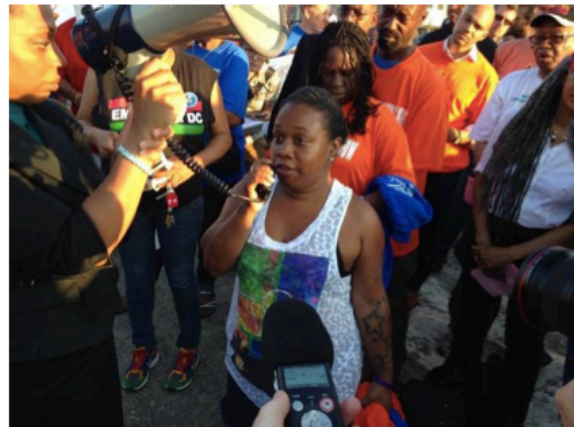


**HOUSING:** In 2014 WIN organized thousands of DC residents to stand for affordable housing & ending homelessness. *Photos:*

1. "Raise your hand if you or someone you know is struggling to find affordable housing in DC" – Rufaro Jenkins Tenant Leader at Parkway Overlook, 3/2014 Mayoral Action
2. 650+ mostly young adults gather with candidates for mayor to stand for affordable housing and ending homelessness – especially youth homelessness. LAYC & Sasha Bruce youth spoke. 3/2014 Mayoral Action.
3. Candidates for mayor listen to stories of homeless youth, tenants, and young non-profit workers standing together to for affordable housing. 3/2014 Mayoral Action

**HOMELESSNESS:** WIN Leaders have mobilized 30+ congregations to stand with homeless families and residents at DC General, engaged in face to face conversations with 250+ residents, developed an advocacy agenda, testified at Council, Interagency Council on Homelessness hearings, and met with DC Councilmembers and candidates for Mayor. The WAMU Mayoral Debate featuring question from WIN leader Rev. Wilker from Lutheran Church of the Reformation. *Photos:*

- 1.-4 200+ DC General residents, WIN members and allies, & councilmembers rally for accountability at DC General, some of the demands are depicted on signs held by leaders.
5. WIN leaders have registered DC General residents to vote on more than a dozen occasion in a nonpartisan campaign to increase voter turnout. Less than a half a dozen ballots were cast in the 1/2014 primary from residents at the DC General address.

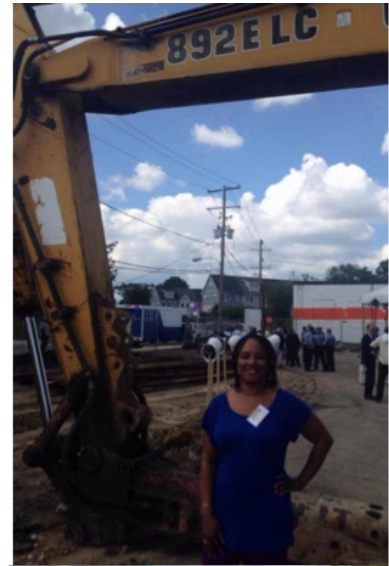






**DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE:** WIN is organizing for over 1,000 units of affordable housing through 1) Acting as a voice of “Yes” in my backyard- standing for affordable housing developments in our communities, and advocating for the dedication of public land for housing, 2) Building housing on land owned by our members, and 3) WIN’s development arm Urban Matters. *Photos Clockwise:*

1. Beacon Center, 99 affordable units including 18 units dedicated to homeless veterans. Ribbon cutting in 12/2014.
2. WIN leader, Juanita Hutchinson celebrates groundbreaking of 35 affordable units in her Deanwood Community. Developed with Urban Matters.
3. Eden Place affordable townhomes. First phase completed & occupied 2013, second phase in 2015. Developed with Urban Matters.
4. Covenant Full Potential Center. 35 units of senior housing in development, zoning complete. Funding application submitted 2015. Developed with Urban Matters.
5. Parkway overlook residents and allies pray with the Mayor to conclude an 100+ person gathering where he made commitments to move development of these 360+ vacant units forward.
6. North Capitol Commons. 126 affordable units. ½ for homeless veterans ½ affordable at 60% AMI. WIN organized for the dedication of the public land. Groundbreaking
- 7-8. House of Lebanon. 80 affordable senior units. WIN organized for the dedication of the land. Developed with Urban Matters and Mission First. Groundbreaking 12/2013.



**RECENT PRESS EXAMPLES:**

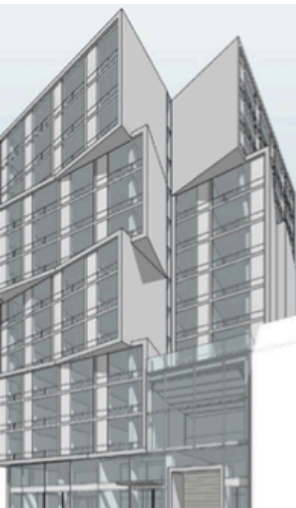
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Top: February 6<sup>th</sup> Jobs action. Right: GM Hawkins with Rev. Kelly Wilkins “paddling” to higher local hiring numbers.

**WORK:** In 2014 WIN leaders organized for increased local hiring in living wage jobs, green jobs, and ban-the-box legislation for returning citizens.

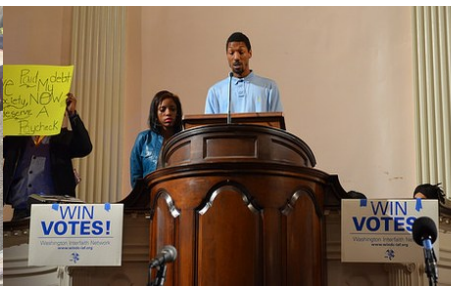
**JOBS ACTION February 6<sup>th</sup> at First Rock Baptist:** 550 WIN leaders, every candidate for mayor (including mayor elect Bowser, CM Evans, CM Orange), and DC Water General Manager Hawkins were present. The Candidates for Mayor committed to vote for Ban the Box, put pressure DC Water on local hiring, and include local hiring and wage accountability in Pepco project. GM Hawkins announced commitment to increasing local hiring on major contracts, and Green Infrastructure training/ jobs pilot.



**JOBS FAIR hosted by LiUNA, DC Water, and Skanska, contractor on the First Street Tunnel Project:** DC Water and WIN partner LiUNA came together to host a local-hiring centered jobs fair for 65 positions on the First Street Tunnel construction. Right: Job seekers line up for the First Street Tunnel jobs fair. Applicants fill out paperwork.



**Organizing for Passage of Ban-the-Box:** A team of young leaders from Sasha Bruce lead organizing for passage of Ban-the-Box, giving returning citizens greater employment opportunities. WIN leaders challenged candidates for mayor at our March 6<sup>th</sup> and February 6<sup>th</sup> Action to vote for Ban-the-Box, phonebanked voters, and attended council hearings. Below: SBY team at council vote for ban-the-box. Youth speak at March 6 action.







**YOUTH HOMELESSNESS:** WIN leaders organized with our partners Sasha Bruce, LAYC, Covenant House, and DC Alliance of Youth Advocates to pass the End Youth Homelessness Amendment Act in the Spring, with funding for additional emergency beds for youth under age 24 that could serve an estimated 150+ youth a year, 10 additional longer-term transitional placements, the right to hypothermia shelter for youth, coordinated intake, enhanced street outreach, and an enhanced youth count to make sure fewer homeless youth slip through the cracks.



*Top and Left: WIN leaders listen to formerly homeless youth testify to DC Council on the need for legislation to end youth homelessness.*



**2014 ELECTION GET-OUT-THE-VOTE:** WIN leaders mobilized scores of volunteers during the primary and general election season to engage voters and GOTV following record-low voter turnout.

In March, 2,000 peer-to-peer voter contacts and two public candidate forums.



In October, extensive voter canvassing with  
- 3,450 doors knocked and 1,600 numbers dialed in 9 precincts out of 4 wards  
-Voter registration drive at DC General shelter  
-Meetings with every candidate for mayor with WIN leaders representing congregations city-wide  
-Early voter rally with WIN leaders voting together at One Judiciary Square

*Left: WIN leaders phonebank voters at early voting rally. WIN leaders canvass in Ward 8.*

*Bottom: Voter registration at DC General. WIN leaders meet with Mayor-Elect Muriel Bowser.*

