



## WIN ELECTION PLATFORM 2026

The Washington Interfaith Network is working with 45 member institutions to build relationships, connections, and community power. As we approach the June 16 DC primary, we are organizing to hold our politicians accountable, protect our communities, and ensure our people have the resources they deserve.

**As we approach the June 16 DC primary, we are organizing around three core strategies:**

- 1-on-1 conversations and house meetings
- Ranked choice voting education
- A major candidates forum on the evening of **May 17 (mark your calendars!)**

Our issue agenda comes directly from listening to hundreds of DC residents across all 8 Wards.

**SEE BELOW TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON.**

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## AFFORDABLE HOUSING & PUBLIC LAND USE

Too many DC residents are shut out of stable, affordable housing — especially as public land gets developed without adequate community benefit. WIN has built real experience through work at Reservation 13/Hill East, the Chevy Chase Library, Temple Courts, the RFK Campus, and more.

We are pushing to:

- Create significant new affordable housing stock
- Ensure development on public land delivers community benefits commensurate with the public investment



## **COLLECTIVE CARE & MUTUAL AID**

Migrant neighbors, unhoused neighbors, Black youth, and others are disproportionately targeted by the state — and need institutions that will show up for them. When crackdowns and sweeps happen, houses of worship offer resources and community connections that few others can. WIN is organizing member institutions to respond, and translating those lessons into demands for elected officials.

## **HEALTHY HOUSING**

Buildings are DC's leading source of harmful methane emissions, and low-income residents bear the cost of both pollution and rising utility bills. WIN believes the path to clean energy must center affordability. We are advancing three solutions:

- Fully fund the Sustainable Energy Trust Fund so low- and moderate-income families can replace gas appliances at no cost
- Pass Clean Heat legislation to create a dedicated, sustainable funding source for Healthy Homes
- Redirect ratepayer investment away from Washington Gas's pipeline replacement plan, protecting residents from higher bills and costly fossil fuel lock-in

## **HOMELESSNESS**

Unhoused residents face serious barriers to meeting daily needs and are increasingly under threat. WIN's work — anchored in Ward 2, where many unhoused residents live and access services — is focused on building genuine, consistent support grounded in what this community is asking for. We are working to:

- Help unhoused residents obtain government-issued ID required for essential services
- Organize faith institutions for rapid response when this community is threatened
- Build toward long-term support led by unhoused community members themselves



## BLACK EQUITY THROUGH HOMEOWNERSHIP

(**BETH**) Black and legacy homeowners across DC face deteriorating homes, vacant neighboring properties, and shrinking pathways to affordable homeownership. WIN is organizing to change that. We are working to:

- Implement the Healthy Homes Act for legacy homeowners, ensuring families can access critical repairs — HVAC, roofing, insulation — at no cost
- Build on the Vacant to Vibrant Act, passed in October 2025 through WIN's advocacy, to convert abandoned properties into affordable homeownership opportunities
- Protect legal heirs of properties left vacant through intergenerational transfer, so families don't lose homes that have anchored their communities for generations

## PUBLIC SAFETY & VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Communities most affected by violence must be at the center of decisions — shaping solutions and receiving the resources they need. Since 2014, elected officials have commissioned report after report pointing to the same needs, none of which have been fully funded or implemented. WIN is demanding action on all of them:

- Fund violence interrupters
- Create job opportunities and economic stability
- Invest in youth recreation
- Expand evidence-based, culturally competent behavioral health services

## JOIN US

Talk to your people, organize, and build connections within and across communities. WIN staff are here to support you and make sure you have what you need during this critical moment.

Reach us at [2026@windc.org](mailto:2026@windc.org).

