

# DC Grassroots Planning Coalition



***Development, planning and decision making must be evaluated by the following core principles:***

**Racial Justice** - Actions must benefit, not harm, Black residents and communities of color

**Stop Displacement** - forced displacement, both commercial & residential, must be prevented

**Economic Justice** - Human needs always come before corporate interests

**Environmental Justice** - Protect human health and environment for “front line” communities

**Public Resources for Public Needs** - Stop Privatization of Public Land, public housing, public services

**Equitable Access to Public Services** - transit, community facilities, infrastructure must be high quality and affordable for all communities

**Community Driven** - The voices of rooted, impacted residents must carry the most weight

## **COALITION INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Underwriting Organization:** Empower DC provides office/staff/communications/financial resources to seed the Coalition.

**Steering Committee:** the decision making body that drives the work, meeting once or twice a month. It consists of those individuals and organizations ready to put in the work necessary to keep the forums, communications and network alive. Steering group members each represent one voice and position equal to the rest of the members. Steering group members can contribute resources beyond those already offered by Empower DC to grow and maintain the Coalition (finances; space; access to office).

**Ward Committees:** committees formed at the Ward level lead and facilitate activities within and pertaining to their Wards - such as:

**Reading Groups:** Self-organized groups of Coalition participants categorized by Ward level and Issue-focus. Reading groups assisted/encouraged/formed by Steering Group members.

**Speakers Circle:** Speakers are participants ready and willing to present the principles and work of the Coalition to serve as a critical outreach arm (going to ANCs, civics, citizens, issue campaigns, orgs, etc.). Speakers verified by Steering Group.

**Advocacy-teams:** Coalition members organized and provided with the tools and guidance of the Steering Group members to get into the Council offices to win and defend policies that flow from our principles.

### **COALITION ACTIVITIES**

1) Coalition Involvement: Recruit organizations and individuals to participate in the coalition. Participants sign on to the Coalition principles.

2) Monthly Forums: Continue to host monthly gatherings (currently second Saturday, 1:30-4pm at varied locations) for sharing knowledge and planning collective action. {monthly forums may include break-outs for Ward level planning}

3) Communications: Bi-monthly updates out to all participants; monthly meetings of Steering Committee members; Monthly forums; Website & Social Media; phone calls; announcements email list for sharing development/planning related meetings and notices; issuing position statements/analysis on development related issues in the city

4) Leadership Development: Train and support prospective ANCs interested in running for office in 2018, and support sitting ANCs with fighting harmful development

### **More Information:**

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