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Courtney R. Snowden
Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity

Courtney R. Snowden is a sixth-generation Washingtonian born at Howard University Hospital. Raised in the Shepherd Park neighborhood of Ward 4, Courtney now lives east of the river (EOTR) in Ward 7 with her young son, Malik. In 2014, Courtney was elected Alternate National Committeewoman to the DC Democratic State Committee, and later ran for an at-large seat on the DC Council. The Washington Post endorsed Courtney as the foremost candidate in the 15 person field, recognizing her “keen understanding of the need to connect neighborhoods if the city is to thrive. She understands policy, is adept at building coalitions and is both smart and passionate about education reform.”

Courtney is a graduate of DC Public Schools and received her B.A. in Political Science in 2000 from Beloit College in Beloit, WI. After graduating, Courtney returned home to the District to join the legislative staff of Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) on Capitol Hill.

An active leader in the city’s LGBT and African-American communities and a staunch public education advocate, Courtney has devoted her life to making Washington, DC, a better place for all its residents, corner to corner. She has a record of coalition building and bringing people from different backgrounds together from across the city.



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Rob Hawkins

Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director, Mayor Muriel Bowser

Rob Hawkins serves as Mayor Bowser's Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director. Previously he was the Mayor's Special Counsel and Deputy General Counsel. As Bowser's staff policy advisor since 2009, he has played a key role in several major initiatives, including the drafting of ethics reform legislation and the \$15 minimum wage law, as well as the approval of numerous economic development projects, including the D.C. United soccer stadium. Rob was also a member of the Walter Reed Community Advisory Committee. He earned a Bachelor's degree in political science from Virginia Tech and a Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He lives in Ward 2 with his wife Hannah, daughter Louisa, and son Max.



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Joanna Blotner

DC Paid Family and Medical Leave Program Campaign Manager, Jews United for Justice

Joanna Blotner has worked for over a year as the coalition and campaign manager for Jews United for Justice's (JUFJ) ongoing effort to secure paid family and medical leave insurance in the District. During that time, she has engaged with hundreds of District businesses, non-profits, and residents about paid leave policies. Joanna also represents JUFJ on the Just Pay coalition, which seeks to ensure strong and equitable enforcement of local labor laws through engagement with the District government and through direct education of workers.



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Jamie Contreras

Vice President, 32BJ's Capital Area District

Jaime Contreras heads 32BJ's Capital Area District, which has 15,000 members in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area and Baltimore, Maryland. The Capital Area members are commercial, government, arenas and residential cleaners, security officers, and education facilities cleaners and maintenance workers. Jaime has emerged as a key figure among the next generation of leaders in the labor and immigrant rights communities of the Capital Area. A lifelong workers' rights activist, Jaime has been described by the Washington Post as "one of Washington's most active advocates for immigrant rights." Jaime's commitment to workers' rights started at a young age. As a student at Bell Multicultural High School in DC and working part-time as a cleaner, Jaime was part of the "Justice for Janitors" team that helped drive the largest low-wage cleaners organizing effort in the history of the District. After serving three years in the U.S. Navy, Jaime returned to the union in 1997 as an organizer while attending the National Labor College where he earned a bachelor degree in Labor Studies. As a leader at 32BJ, Jaime has been able to build alliances with a growing immigrant community in DC, Maryland, and Virginia while bridging the gap between labor and New Americans.



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Richard "Chip" Davis

President of Sibley Memorial Hospital

Richard Davis, Ph.D., is president of Sibley Memorial Hospital, a member of Johns Hopkins Medicine (JHM). Dr. Davis is a healthcare executive who is recognized for his ability to envision and deliver exceptional outcomes in complex environments. His mission and vision for Sibley is to provide quality health services and facilities for the community, to promote wellness, to relieve suffering, and to restore health as swiftly, safely, and humanely as it can be done consistent with the best service we can give at the highest value for all concerned.

Recently, he developed an *Innovation Hub* at Sibley where he and his team continuously collect data, analyze Sibley's health care processes, and redesign systems so that they are more streamlined, effective and error-free. Supporting a grass roots model of improvement, the *Hub* helps coordinate the efforts of interdisciplinary teams of physicians, nurses, and managers within Sibley to ensure that evidence-based best practices are deployed throughout the system.

Dr. Davis joined Johns Hopkins in 1993 and quickly demonstrated his leadership ability in a variety of positions, including quality improvement, innovation and safety. He established the Johns Hopkins Medicine Center for Innovation and led a highly successful drive to improve Quality Core Measures. Dr. Davis holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan, a master's degree in education from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in health policy and management from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.



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Dyana Forester

Community & Political Lead Representative for Local 400 of the United Food & Commercial Workers Union

Dyana Forester is a proud, lifelong D.C. resident committed to social and economic justice. She currently serves as the Community & Political Lead Representative for Local 400 of the United Food & Commercial Workers Union (UFCW). Prior to joining UFCW Local 400, she served as the Southern Region Field Organizer at Jobs With Justice, where she worked to build local community-labor coalitions throughout the south. Dyana's work has supported national campaigns for paid sick days, increasing the minimum wage to \$15, and protecting immigrant workers from employer exploitation. In addition, she was elected to serve two terms as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 1B06. Dyana resigned from her position as a commissioner in the summer of 2015 after purchasing her first home in Ward 7. Dyana and her family are excited to return to their roots east of the river and are proud to call Ward 7 home!



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Miles Gray

Managing Partner, Smith Commons

Miles Gray is recognized a new business leader in the District of Columbia. He is the Managing Partner of Smith Commons Dining Room & Public House, a three-story neighborhood bistro on the H St. NE corridor in the Atlas Arts District. The well-honed interiors, seasonal outdoor patios, regular exciting events and eclectic music welcome Smiths of any name, and friends nightly. The establishment features a main dining room and main bar on the first floor and "the house — on levels two and three, with outdoor dining/drinking decks, commons" — or public individual bars, and dining tables.

When the H Street Festival rolled around, Gray, who made his name in Washington throwing parties during Howard homecoming, transformed the adjacent parking lot into a hipster fairground. There was a stage for local hip-hop acts, a half-pipe for skateboarders, stands for local clothing labels and space for craft breweries to pour their products. A native of North Carolina, Miles came to Washington, D.C. to study at Howard University.



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Danna Hakki

Co-Founder and Principal at MoKi Media

Danna Hakki is MoKi Media's niche hospitality publicist, specializing in the hospitality, entertainment, fashion and beauty industries. As Co-founder and Principal, Danna spearheads public relations strategies for clients in Washington, D.C., New York and Los Angeles, including Moet-Hennessy USA, Diageo USA, United Colors of Benetton, GANT Menswear, DC Vote and Mari Vanna restaurants. She has executed national media initiatives for bicoastal events with The Discovery Channel; The Creative Coalition, a celebrity nonprofit organization; Newsweek & The Daily Beast Hero Summit; and The Washington Humane Society's annual Fashion for Paws runway show. Danna consistently finds innovative ways to engage her target audiences and the media. Her 2012 campaign for the Sri Lankan Office of Tourism included a week-long international press trip for select tier-one travel writers to the island nation.



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Kim Horn

President of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc

Kim Horn is the President of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc. She oversees all aspects for the Mid-Atlantic region that: serves more than 600,000 members; operates 31 medical centers throughout the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia and Maryland; generates nearly \$3billion in revenues; and employs 7,000 individuals. She also maintains an ongoing partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group

Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente in October 2012, Kim served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Grand Rapids-based Priority Health. During her 15-year tenure as CEO, the organization grew from 100,000 to over 600,000 members across the state of Michigan and revenues exceeding \$2 billion annually.

Kim currently serves on the Board of the Washington Economic Club. She is a member of the Executive Committees for the Greater Washington Board of Trade and the DC Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Kim is on the board of the Living Classrooms Foundation working to strengthen Baltimore communities and inspire young people to achieve their potential through hands-on education and job training. Ms. Horn is a graduate of the University of Michigan.



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Victoria A. Leonard

Business Development Manager, Mid-Atlantic region of the Laborers' International Union of North America

Victoria Leonard is a District native with a deep commitment to public service and working families, including as a staffer at the Council of the District of Columbia.

Currently, Victoria is employed by the Mid-Atlantic region of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LiUNA Mid-Atlantic), the largest construction union in the United States with over 500,000 members, where she represents the interests of LiUNA's 6,500 members in the DC metro area. In addition, Vicky is a founding board member of DC Working Families and a board member of DC Jobs with Justice.



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Steve Nash

President and CEO, Stoddard Baptist Home Foundation

Mr. Nash is a 5th generation Washingtonian and a resident of Ward 4. He has served elders since 1983 in a variety of roles and has been a Nursing Home Administrator since 1994. Currently, he is the President of Stoddard Baptist Home Foundation. Mr. Nash has served on several local and national associations and boards such as the Lowell School, the District of Columbia Nursing Home Administrators Board, Lifecare Maryland and holds a leadership role on Leading Age's Workforce Issues Team. He is a graduate of Princeton University.



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Dayvie Paschall

DesignBuild Diversity Manager for DBE & EEO, Skanska USA Civil Inc.

Dayvie studied Architecture and Construction Engineering Technology at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), earning undergraduate and master's degrees. Earning an urban planning fellowship with Carnegie Mellon University is what initiated Dayvie's interest in neighborhood development and the desire to apply her education to help her own community.

Dayvie began employment on the 11th Street Bridge Project with the Construction Manager HNTB. Later, she joined Business Transformation Group (BTG), the Program Manager of the 11th Street Bridge DBE Project Management Team (PMT). The PMT was established to promote and monitor DBE participation on the project. In her position with BTG, she assists the DBE Project Manager, David Janifer, with compliance management and reporting. Paschall embraces her position as a woman in the construction industry as an opportunity to encourage other young women to explore careers in the engineering and construction industry.



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Stephen C. Taylor

Commissioner of the District of Columbia Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (Department)

Stephen C. Taylor is the fifth Commissioner of the District of Columbia Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (Department). Mayor Muriel Bowser nominated Taylor as Acting Commissioner on June 19, 2015 and the Council of the District of Columbia unanimously confirmed the nomination on November 3, 2015.

In his role, Commissioner Taylor serves as the chief regulator of the District of Columbia's financial-services industries, including insurance companies and their representatives; captive insurance companies; state-chartered banks; mortgage lenders and brokers and other non-depository financial institutions; and securities broker-dealers and investment advisors. The Commissioner also is responsible for managing BankonDC and financial education programs. The Commissioner also administers the District's capital access programs pursuant to the federal State Small Business Credit Initiative, and the Crowdfunding program as part of the Department's economic development responsibility.

Commissioner Taylor holds a Juris Doctor and Master of Laws from Georgetown University Law Center, and a Bachelor of Arts from Fordham University.



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Andrew Washington

Executive Director, District Council 20, AFSCME

Born and raised in southeast DC Mr. Washington was elected to this City's most powerful Union on May 3, 2014.

As Executive Director, Mr. Washington, 45, now leads close to 7,000 public and private sector union members in the most powerful city in the world, Washington DC. These members work in various DC Agencies under the direct supervision of the Mayor just to name a few, The Dept. of Public Works, OSSE DOT, DC Public Library, Child and Family Services and the DC Public School System. District Council 20 also represents some independent agencies in the District such as Public Service Commission and Howard University.

Before becoming Executive Director, Mr. Washington served as President of his Local 1959 for over 15 years and Vice President of District Council 20 for 15 years to the late Council President Mr. James Ivey. As local President Mr. Washington developed a no nonsenses reputation in representing his members. As Vice President he was able to sharpen his skills in key areas that helped his rise to the position of Executive Director.

After College Mr. Washington came back home from NC with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Johnson C Smith University and went to work for the District Govt. in 1992. He became a Shop Steward for Local 1959 in 1995. He quickly earned the respect of his peers as he rose in rank to become Chief Shop Steward in 1998. In 1999 he would rise to become the Youngest President in his Locals history and during that same time the youngest Vice President of District Council 20.



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Gerry Widdicombe

Director of Economic Development at the DowntownDC BID

Gerry Widdicombe is the Director of Economic Development at the DowntownDC BID. With the BID for 10 years, he is responsible for conducting economic research and analysis on Downtown DC, facilitating public and private partnerships and assisting in implementing the Mayor's 2000 Downtown Action Agenda and creating the 2008 Center City Action Agenda.

Gerry has shepherded the BID's efforts to strengthen and diversify the Downtown economy to maintain Downtown's strong competitive position in the region by producing annual State of Downtown Reports, retail reports and brochures, Leadership Papers, Quarterly Development Reports, Downtown Neighborhood Surveys and DC Office Studies, topical analyses of a variety of Downtown economic sectors and analyses of the performance of city-supported economic development investment. He also oversees biannual consulting reports on the net fiscal impact of Downtown and Downtown employment. Gerry's extensive research and analysis has helped support programs such as the 2001 Downtown Housing Tax Abatement, the 2003 Downtown Retail TIF Program and the 2010 DC Business Retention and Attraction Program, and projects such as the Convention Center Headquarters Hotel.

Previously, he worked for the DC government in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (where he worked with the DowntownDC BID on creating the Mayor's 2000 Downtown Action Agenda), and in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer. In the early 1990's Gerry worked for the federal government at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Resolution Trust Corporation. Gerry worked on Wall Street at Goldman, Sachs & Co. for the first ten years of his career.