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Ward 5 Budget Wins

- **Adds Trinidad Clean Team, marking the 8th District Clean Team in Ward 5 keeping our retail and residential corridors clean, while putting District residents to work.**
- Increases funding by \$3.5 million for the Arboretum Recreation Center, including a new half-court gym and multipurpose room.
- Identifies lighting at the Langdon Park Dog Park long sought by the community and supported by ANC 5C.
- Secures funds for violence interruption team along the North Capital Street Corridor, adding to the existing team in Trinidad area and personnel throughout Ward 5.
- Protects \$19.7 million in funding for renovation of the Langdon Park Recreation Center, set to begin in Fiscal Year 2023.
- **Retains \$4 million in funding for improvements to Fort Lincoln Park and \$13.18 million to renovate the adjacent Theodore Hagans Culture Center.**
- Invests \$2.6 million in the Brentwood Recreation Center in Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.
- Funds reconstruction and redesign of the intersection of Florida Ave NE and New York Ave NE ("Dave Thomas Circle"), including acquisition of the private fast food restaurant located at the Circle.
- Keeps modernization of Browne Education Campus on track with nearly \$40 million in modernization funds that will become available in Fiscal Year 2023.
- Funds an additional \$6.9 million in renovations for Burroughs Elementary School, set to begin in Fiscal Year 2025.
- **Funds a new Biotechnology Academy within McKinley Technology High School.**



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Ward 5



REPORT

COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN R. MCDUFFIE

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“I’m proud of the progress we in Ward 5 have been able to accomplish, and I look forward to continuing to build an inclusive economy that provides every District resident to ability thrive.”

— Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie



Key legislative action:

- Introduced legislation to establish the DC Center for Firearm Violence Prevention and Research.
- **Championed legislation to make go-go the official music of DC and supports the creation of a go-go archive and economic development strategy.**
- Introduced the District of Columbia Clean Slate Amendment Act of 2019 to help people with non-violent offense on their record get their lives back on track.
- **Introduced legislation to ban Councilmembers from holding any employment outside of the Council.**

Community Events/Activities

- **Opened the Ward 5 Community Office located at Luke C. Moore High School.**
- Cut the ribbon on the new state-of-the-art Edgewood Recreation Center, a years-long priority for Councilmember McDuffie.
- Led the Ward 5 Delegations in the MLK Day Parade and Peace Walk; DC Emancipation Day Parade; Capital Pride Parade; and Palisades 4th of July Parade.
- Hosted the Ward 5 Budget Engagement Forum to solicit Ward 5 residents’ input on the FY 2020 DC budget.
- Honored Ward 5 institution, Israel Baptist Church, with the ceremonial renaming the 1200 block of Saratoga Avenue NE to “Israel Baptist Church Way.”
- **Co-introduced emergency legislation to address pedestrian and bicycle safety on Florida Avenue NE.**
- Welcomed students back to school this fall at Noyes Elementary, Dunbar High School, and Stokes Public Charter School.
- Hosted Ward 5 Day in Langdon Park in September with music, food, and games.



Business and Economic Development

- **Introduced and held a hearing on the Affordable PLACE Act to keep long-term local business from being displaced.**
- Introduced the Chief Compliance Office Establishment Act to increase compliance with DC’s minority contracting and First Source programs.
- Hosted a ‘Commerce and Coffee’ small business mixer to celebrate Small BusinessWeek and met with dozens of small business owners throughout the year.
- **Championed legislation to support small businesses suffering financial distress from District infrastructure projects in Ward 5.**
- Welcomed two new Main Street programs in Ward 5, The Parks Main Street, serving Lamond-Riggs and the Bladensburg Road Main Street.
- Enhanced funding for the DC Anchor Partnership, an innovative demand-driven initiative to connect DC’s universities and hospitals with District-based small businesses.
- **Increased funding for the Aspire to Entrepreneurship Program which trains returning citizens on topics including financial literacy, marketing, and business management and development.**



Racial Equity and Inclusion

- **Hosted a Race and Policy Symposium for a day of insights and ideas from hundreds of experts, policymakers, and advocates.**
- Introduced and held a powerful hearing on the Racial Equity Achieves Results Act to put racial equity into practice in the District government.
- Added language to prioritize racial equity in the Comprehensive Plan Framework Element, a document which helps guide development in the city for the next decade.
- **Introduced legislation to build statues honoring women and people of color in DC.**
- Introduced the Advisory Commission on Monuments, Markers, and Symbols Establishment Act of 2019 to create a commission to review potentially offensive place names and markers on DC property.

Seniors, Families, Vulnerable Communities

- Canvassed Ward 5 seniors to inform them that they qualify for Senior Citizen property owner tax relief and provided information on how to apply.
- **Secured funding for implementation of the Senior Strategic Plan, a comprehensive ten-year plan to serve as a blueprint for the District’s senior community.**
- Supported funding for Birth-to-Three for All Act to support parents of young children.
- Helped pass an increase to the at-risk weight of the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula.
- **Introduced the Managing Outdoor Work for Seniors (MOWS) to help seniorsage in their homes by helping with yardwork and chores around the house.**

