



**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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***Councilmember White Announces FY2019 Proposed Budget for Ward 8***

(Washington, D.C., March 27, 2018) — Councilmember Trayon White today announced highlights of the FY2019 proposed budget that will include significant investments in affordable housing, education, public safety, human services and workforce development for Ward 8 residents.

“As we all know, the city's budget is fundamentally a reflection of our city's values and priorities,” said Councilmember White in a statement at the Mayor’s FY2019 Budget Hearing held on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. “This budget supports our families, the elderly, those experiencing homelessness, and residents of all income levels. I'm most excited about the specific items in the budget that speak to the needs of Ward 8 residents as it relates to public safety, healthcare, improving access to recreation, workforce training, and ensuring that our elders are well taken care of. Many of these items were included in my budget request to Mayor Bowser, and I'd like to thank the mayor along with her team for working with me,” stated White.

The FY2019 budget, which is the largest city budget in the District’s history, includes the following proposed developments for Ward 8:

- \$300 million for a new hospital at St. Elizabeth’s East Campus by 2024;
- \$40 million for a new men’s shelter on St. Elizabeth’s campus to replace the 801 East Men’s Shelter in FY20;
- \$15 million for Congress Heights Recreation Center Modernization by 2020;
- \$12 million for a new Anacostia Recreation Center by 2020;
- \$11.4 million for a new Senior Wellness Center by 2023;
- \$7.5 million for the permanent build out of the DC Infrastructure Academy by 2020;
- \$2 million to add IT apprenticeships to the DC Infrastructure Academy;
- \$1.5 million for violence interruption community-based grants;
- \$575,000 for the Pathways program to support 50 at-risk youths;
- \$575,000 for mobile light stations and cameras; and
- \$500,000 for the private security camera program.

“It is imperative that we continue to invest to ensure that our city is an equitable and inclusive city,” states Councilmember White. “There is more work to do before our budget fully meets the needs of all of our residents, but this budget is a good start for our work in the years ahead.”

### **About Councilmember Trayon White**

Councilmember Trayon White represents Ward 8 of the District of Columbia. He provides support and empowers people who suffer from the social impact of crime, violence, drug abuse, educational disparities and poverty. He is known for his common sense approach and business acumen to combat social ills in Ward 8. Councilmember White prides himself on being a servant leader and an example for young people, a mentor for many, and a support for all youth in Ward 8 and across Washington DC.

Trayon White was elected to the D.C. Council in November 2016 and serves on the Committee on Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization; Committee of the Whole; Committee on Education; Committee on Government Operations; Committee on Human Services; and Committee on Labor and Workforce.

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