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THE BRIDGE

A weekly update from the Committee



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Villareal **'VJ' Johnson**
DC COUNCIL • WARD 7

Message from
The Candidate

The 2025 FY Budget has been entitled "Shared Sacrifice" by the executive. You, the Ward 7 resident, are being asked to shoulder the burden of government cut backs because of poor oversight, wasteful spending and lack of vision. The government inflated itself on COVID relief dollars from the federal government. Those funds are gone and the government must shrink.

While I agree with fiscal prudence, I do not agree that Ward 7 needs to "share in the sacrifice." Ward 7 is still waiting for its equitable share of the District's economic boom. Projects like Capitol Gateway are 12 years behind and a whole region of the Ward is without quality grocery stores and retail options. In addition, Fletcher Johnson, despite other candidates claiming their involvement as cases for a promotion, is still nowhere closer to movement, despite the campaign promise of 42 million dollars for demolition. Lastly, there still seems to be a commitment for a 200 million dollar investment in a street car that hasn't demonstrated how it will make money or sustain itself. Bad investments robbing you, the resident, of having access to the quality of life and prosperity you deserve.

Ward 7, I will stand for our equitable fair share and fight for more. We are deserving. We sacrificed enough. It's our time to experience more investments in our education, public safety, economic and health and human service civic infrastructures.

My sacrifice for you, the Ward 7 resident, was not to waste your tax dollars through Fair Elections on political ambition like other candidates looking to score power and a well-paid job, while many in Ward 7 struggle working two jobs and figuring out how to do more for your children, or afford rising housing costs and taxes. This budget comes with tax increases. It's just not right that everyone is benefiting from the government but you, the resident voter!!!!

I'm in this race to win with and for you. As your council member I will continue to represent you and find more money to invest in our schools, just like I did for Winston, our businesses on the 2900 block of Minnesota Avenue and Pennsylvania Ave corridor, and Skyland, bringing 75 senior housing units and ownership opportunities with 126 townhomes.

We want #more4ward7! We have sacrificed enough. Let's stand together to do more and get more. We will not be devalued any longer.



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EVENTS

1. Meet & Greet Fundraiser @ Langston's Bar & Grill

Date and time

Wed, Apr 10, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm EDT

Location

Langston Bar & Grille

1831 Benning Rd NE, Washington, DC 20002

[Reserve your spot here ->](#)

2. DC Council Candidate Forum Series

Date and time

Sat, Apr 13, 2:00 pm-6:00 pm EDT

Location

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

1636 East Capitol St NE, Washington, DC 20003
DC 20019

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3. The Hill East Civic Association (Ward 7 Councilmember Candidate forum)

Date and time

Sat, Apr 13, 10:00am-2:00pm EDT

Location

St Coletta of Greater Washington

1901 Independence Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003

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OUR VISION

ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION:

VJ believes in the power of collaboration between the public sector, private investors, and community members to drive economic development. He is committed to fostering an environment where community voices lead economic initiatives, ensuring that development projects meet the real needs of Ward 7 residents and contribute to long-term prosperity.



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