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Former Council Staffer and Advocate Dexter Williams Announces Campaign for DC Council At-Large

Williams, Advanced Bold Measures as Council Staffer for Robert White

WASHINGTON, DC — Today, former council staffer and democracy advocate, Dexter Williams, announced his campaign for DC Council At-Large.

“I have lived in the city my entire life. Many of the problems we face today are issues we had to deal with when I was growing up, particularly around people’s ability to afford and stay here. The pandemic made these issues drastically worse, and we need a bold vision to emerge stronger than we were before” Williams said on Wednesday. “I’m running to offer a new approach and direction that is proactive, forward-looking, and unafraid to hold agencies accountable for the services they provide to residents.”

Williams is a native Washingtonian. He grew up in the Hillcrest neighborhood of Ward 7, where he currently lives. Dexter is the product of a working-class household. As a child, he watched his mother dedicate her life to educating children; even going above and beyond to make sure they had what they needed outside the classroom to ensure their success. She retired from DC Public Schools after 25 years of service. His dad is a retired corrections officer with the DC Department of Corrections. He mentored incarcerated residents, and when they returned home, he made sure they had the resources to succeed in life. This inspired him to spend his life in public service fighting for working people.

While working in the office of councilmember Robert White, Williams worked on the Restore the Vote Act. It's a landmark law that reestablished voting rights for incarcerated residents. He created a program that gives returning citizens an opportunity to build careers. Dexter also worked on environmental and transportation issues.

"Some of my proudest moments came from working with returning citizens and residents concerned about the environment and transportation issues while at the Council. I could see the tangible impacts we had on people's lives. The work was always centered around using the tools of government to solve people's problems, even if it meant a tough fight ahead," Williams continued.

Several candidates have declared for the At-Large Democratic Primary scheduled for next June and we look forward to the community discussions that will be taking place over the next several months to determine who will represent us in next November's general election.

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