

**DELIVERING
POSITIVE
CHANGE TO
YOUR
COMMUNITY**



HARRY "TOMMY" THOMAS, JR.

WARD 5 COUNCILMEMBER



Dear Ward 5 Residents,

I have nearly completed my first term as your elected representative on the D.C. City Council, providing an opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved. Together, we have made great strides in bringing positive change to the communities of Ward 5.

This year alone, we broke ground on Rhode Island Station, a project that will bring 70,000 square feet of new retail space to Ward 5. We have seen the construction of new housing begin in Edgewood and Brookland. We have renovated many of our recreation centers, playgrounds, and ball fields. We have seen new businesses chose to locate in Ward 5, from DHL to Holiday Inn Express to Forman Mills. And the list goes on.

While we have accomplished a great deal, there is more to do. I look forward to continuing to serve you and bring positive change to Ward 5.

In Service I Remain,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tommy Thomas".

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Ward 5 Councilmember

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PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Expanded the Great Streets and Main Streets initiatives to include Rhode Island Avenue and North Capitol Street.
- Funded Green Teams for each corridor.
- Allocated funds to address wetlands issue and attract Costco and other anchor tenants to Shops at Dakota Crossing project.
- Delivered DHL, Holiday Inn Express, and Fairfield Inn to Ward 5.
- Hosted expo and speed networking event to link Ward 5 small businesses to larger institutions and encourage “buy local” purchasing.
- Supported legislation authorizing revenue bonds for Rhode Island Station, a mixed-use development project that will include 70,000 square feet of retail.



CREATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Sponsored legislation to support construction of St Martin’s 178-unit workforce housing project.
- Introduced legislation to provide property tax abatement to Brookland Lofts, creating 39 units of affordable live/work space for artists.
- Supported construction of Chancellor’s Row, bringing 237 new townhomes, including 28 affordable units.
- Restored funding for the Housing Purchase Assistance Program.



CONNECTING RESIDENTS TO JOBS

- Partnered with Goodwill and Green Building Council to offer green jobs training for Ward 5 residents.
- Secured the former Bertie Backus Middle School as future location of UDC’s community college and workforce training program.
- Negotiated funds for job readiness training as part of community benefits packages for large development projects planned for Ward 5.
- Introduced legislation to increase residency requirements for development projects receiving government funding of \$200,000 or more.
- Joined with Forman Mills to hold job fair and hire 75 Ward 5 residents as employees.
- Sponsored legislation to add adult evening vocational program at Phelps.

ANGE TO YOUR COMMUNITY



REVITALIZING WARD 5 PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

- Allocated funding to renovate Edgewood, Harry Thomas, Sr., and North Michigan Park Recreation Centers.
- Secured funding to build new Edgewood ball field, new playgrounds at Arboretum Recreation Center and Langdon Elementary School.
- Restored capital budget to build new Edgewood Recreation Center.
- Added renovation of Florida Avenue Park to capital budget.



IMPROVING PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Sponsored legislation to expand number of pre-kindergarten classroom slots to 2,000 within six years.
- Successfully fought to keep Burroughs Elementary School open.
- Supported funding to construct and open Phelps Architecture, Construction and Engineering High School in Ward 5.
- Introduced legislation to establish a Community Schools Fund to ensure the District becomes eligible to receive federal and private dollars in support of community schools.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMAS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS, JULY—DECEMBER 2010

July 2, 3, & 5

Stars & Strikes Baseball Tournament

July 4

Ward 5 Day at Nationals Park

August 26

Ward 5 Free-For-All at the Shakespeare Theater

September 11

Harry Thomas, Sr. Day

September 25

Ward 5 Leadership Meeting

October 29

Halloween – Recreation Centers

November 22

Thanksgiving Turkey Give-Away

December 16

Ward 5 Holiday Open House

December 18

Breakfast With Santa

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