



**JEWS UNITED  
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CAMPAIGN FUND**

## **DC 2020 Primary Voter Guide**

**Ward 2: Jordan Grossman**

**Ward 4: Janeese Lewis George**

**Ward 8: Trayon White, Sr.**

**At Large: Robert White, Jr.**

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# INTRODUCTION

The Jews United for Justice Campaign Fund advances economic, racial, and social justice in Maryland and DC by educating and mobilizing Jews across our region. Our staff and volunteer leaders use civic engagement and community organizing to address inequities that affect our region.

We work on issue-based and candidate campaigns that make real, immediate, and concrete improvements in people's lives, and build the power of poor and working-class people and communities of color. The JUFJ Campaign Fund is proud to work alongside like-minded organizations and candidates in building multiracial, multifaith, cross-class coalitions of voters that can win elections.

We created the JUFJ Campaign Fund to help smart, strategic, and progressive candidates cut through the noise and get elected — and to make it clear to our elected leaders that we expect them to fight for Black, brown, and white families and to invest in an economy that works for all of us, not just the wealthy few.

We used four core criteria to guide our decision process: the candidates had to closely align with our community's agenda for social and economic justice, demonstrate their commitment to racial equity, show high ethical standards, and have a real chance of winning. For the June 2020 primary election, our organizational leaders extensively examined where leading candidates stand on a social justice agenda.

Our endorsement committee represents our membership, staff, board, and community partners. They reviewed detailed questionnaires, conducted group candidate interviews, and consulted with a diverse group of local progressive advocates, activists, and longtime JUFJ Campaign Fund partners and allies.

This voter guide seeks to help voters make a difference at the ballot box, and to put real progressive policies on the DC agenda.

Learn more about the JUFJ Campaign Fund  
and our endorsements at  
**[jufjcampaignfund.org](https://jufjcampaignfund.org)**

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# ELECTIONS DURING COVID

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, DC's primary election will be almost entirely **vote-by-mail**. This means that **every DC voter, in order to stay safe, should request an absentee ballot as soon as possible.**

## **THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS MUST RECEIVE YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY TUESDAY, MAY 26 AT 4:45 PM.**

There are multiple ways to request your absentee ballot. The easiest way is to go to [vote4dc.com](https://vote4dc.com) and click on "[How do I get an absentee ballot?](#)" From there, you can request your ballot online, without printing or scanning any paper documents. The instructions are not always clear, but as long as you provide either a driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security Number, you can complete the application online. Vote4dc.com is a legitimate site run by the DC Board of Elections, and is more useful at this time than the official website, [dcboe.org](https://dcboe.org).

You can also:

- Download the Vote 4 DC mobile app to request your ballot from your smartphone. You do not need to print anything when using the mobile app.
- Tell the Board of Elections your full name, voting address, and driver's license number, and request a ballot
  - Phone number: (202) 741-5283
  - Email address: [DCabsentee@dcboe.org](mailto:DCabsentee@dcboe.org)
- Print out and sign a request form from [dcboe.org/Request-Your-Ballot-by-Mail](https://dcboe.org/Request-Your-Ballot-by-Mail). You can mail this form to the Board of Elections or scan and email it.
  - Mailing address: 1015 Half St SE, Suite 750, 20003
  - Email address: [DCabsentee@dcboe.org](mailto:DCabsentee@dcboe.org)

**If you live in Ward 2, you must request BOTH a Primary and a Special Election ballot.** You can request both at once through [vote4dc.com](https://vote4dc.com).

If you absolutely must vote in person, you may vote at any voting center from **Friday, May 22 (8:30 AM - 7:00 PM) through Tuesday, June 2 (7:00 AM - 8:00 PM)** with the exception of Memorial Day (Monday, May 25). See *Page 13* for all locations and hours. Please make sure you maintain physical distance from other voters and poll workers while at the site, and allow time for long lines and delays.

If you live in Ward 2 and absolutely must vote in person, you may vote in the Special Election at any Ward 2 Vote Center from **Friday, June 12 (8:30 AM - 7:00 PM) through Tuesday, June 16 (7:00 AM - 8:00 PM)**

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## WARD 2: JORDAN GROSSMAN



[jordanforward2.com](http://jordanforward2.com)

In a crowded field, **Jordan Grossman** has set himself apart as a true champion for change in Ward 2. He is committed to keeping the Ward affordable and equitable for its residents, and he values ethical government that works for regular people, not corporate interests.

Grossman supports policies that are important to the JUFJ Campaign Fund, including strengthening and expanding rent control to better

protect renters and fully funding universal affordable childcare and living wages for childcare workers. As a councilmember, Grossman says he will fight to increase investments in homeless services, to make it easier for residents to pay off student loan debt, and for affordable public transportation. And crucially, he believes that the wealthiest businesses and residents should pay their fair share to help fund these critical programs and services — and to maintain essential service in tough economic times.

That's why so many of the JUFJ Campaign Fund's progressive partners have endorsed him, including DC for Democracy, DC Working Families, 350 DC, the Washington Teacher's Union, and many other unions. Grossman has also been endorsed by Councilmember Elissa Silverman, who received 100% on the JUFJ Campaign Fund's 2019 scorecard. And as the Ward 2 candidate who has raised the most money from the most DC donors, he has demonstrated broad grassroots support in the Ward and across the District. Grossman has spent his career in public service, and he will bring broad experience and expertise to the DC Council from his time in federal government as well as at DC's Medicaid agency.

The Ward 2 seat is vacant because of the ethical violations committed by disgraced former councilmember Jack Evans. Jordan Grossman stands in stark contrast to Evans. He is proactively focused on ethics and transparency, including banning outside employment for councilmembers and preventing former councilmembers from lobbying for for-profit institutions.



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It was the assessment of our endorsement team that none of the other candidates for the Democratic nomination in Ward 2 were more aligned with our progressive vision than Jordan Grossman, nor did they demonstrate a clear path to victory. Patrick Kennedy is backed by lobbyists, anti-union groups, and other prominent past supporters of disgraced former Councilmember Jack Evans. It is clear that Jordan Grossman's values and his positions on the issues that matter to DC residents are the most aligned with the JUFJ Campaign Fund.



*JUFJ Campaign Fund members and allies canvass for Jordan Grossman (before the pandemic)*

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# WARD 2 SPECIAL ELECTION

If you live in Ward 2, you get to vote in **two** elections in June. **The JUFJ Campaign Fund is proud to endorse Jordan Grossman in both Ward 2 elections.** The first is the ordinary Tuesday, June 2 DC primary.

In the primary, Ward 2 voters may vote in a number of races, including choosing a Democratic nominee for the Ward 2 Council seat. That nominee will then appear on the ballot for the November general election, and the winner of the general election will be sworn into office in January 2021.

The second June election for Ward 2 voters is the **Tuesday, June 16 special election.** This election is to immediately fill the Ward 2 council seat for the remainder of disgraced former Councilmember Jack Evans' term, which ends in January 2021. That seat became vacant when Evans resigned in January 2020 amid public outrage over his numerous ethics scandals and gross violations of public trust.

**You must be registered to vote in Ward 2 but do not need to be registered with any particular political party to cast a ballot in the special election.**

We encourage you to request an absentee ballot for this race as well; the deadline to do so is Tuesday, June 9 at 4:45 PM. See *page 3 for instructions on requesting your absentee ballot.*

If you absolutely must vote in person, you may vote in the Special Election at any [Ward 2 Vote Center](#), currently limited to One Judiciary Square or Hardy Middle School, from **Friday, June 12 (8:30 AM - 7:00 PM) through Election Day on Tuesday, June 16 (7:00 AM - 8:00 PM).** Please make sure you maintain physical distance from other voters and poll workers while at the site, and allow time for long lines and delays.

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## WARD 4: JANEESSE LEWIS GEORGE



Janeese Lewis George is the progressive advocate that Ward 4 deserves. She is deeply committed to evidence-based, public health approaches to public safety, including full implementation of violence prevention and interruption programs unanimously passed by the Council. As a councilmember, Lewis George would introduce emergency legislation to ensure that trained professional violence interrupters are on the ground working to

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resolve conflict, prevent escalation, and break cycles of violence in our city by interrupting retaliation.

She also supports other progressive policies and laws, including the full funding of the Birth to Three for All Law, which would make childcare affordable for all DC residents and raise the wages of early childhood educators. She supports strengthening and expanding rent control to better protect renters, and increasing the city's investments in affordable housing. Janeese Lewis George wants to make sure that the wealthiest DC residents and most successful businesses pay their fair share of taxes to support essential programs like these.

Janeese Lewis George has deep roots in Ward 4 and is a third generation Washingtonian, having been raised by her mother, a union postal worker in the District. A graduate of DC public schools and Howard Law School, she has also been endorsed by DC Working Families Party, Washington Teacher's Union, Black Lives Matter DC, Metro-DC DSA, 350 DC, and DC for Democracy. She has an extensive career in the District working for Attorney General Karl Racine, where she worked to divert youth from incarceration and arrest. She has also been elected to the DC Democratic State Committee.

As a candidate, Lewis George is using the Fair Elections public financing program, proving she is "unbought and unbossed" by corporations and developers. She became the first candidate ever in DC to reach the maximum amount of matching funds allowed by the program. Her support from small donors, everyday DC residents, demonstrates that she is the grassroots progressive candidate for Ward 4.

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Lewis George stands in stark contrast to the incumbent, Brandon Todd, who has continually sided with corporate interests and wealthy donors over Ward 4 residents. Councilmember Todd has voted against paid family leave for all DC workers, voted to make it harder for renters to purchase their homes, and voted to overturn Initiative 77, which would have raised wages for tipped workers, against the will of DC and Ward 4 voters. He was the Mayor’s handpicked successor and, since joining the Council in 2015, has consistently prioritized her agenda over the needs of Ward 4 residents. Much of his backing comes from anti-union groups and wealthy developers.



*JUFJ Campaign Fund members canvass for Janeese Lewis George (before the pandemic)*

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# WARD 7: NO ENDORSEMENT

Of all of the candidates for the Ward 7 seat on the DC Council, we believe that the two leading candidates are incumbent Councilmember Vincent Gray and challenger Anthony Lorenzo Green. Our endorsement team did not reach a decision about which candidate to endorse.

## **Councilmember Vincent Gray**

In four years as Ward 7 Councilmember, Vincent Gray has had a mixed record on progressive issues. He was the champion of the Birth to Three for All DC legislation that, if fully funded, will launch transformative new programs for health, education, and family supports for young children, while creating a living wage for educators. Though his overall voting record has been strong, scoring an 80% on our most recent DC Council Scorecard, his votes to overturn Initiative 77, which would have raised wages for tipped workers, and to oppose funding to end homelessness with new revenue from online sales taxes, had significant consequences.

## **Anthony Lorenzo Green**

Anthony Lorenzo Green is a Ward 7 community activist who has served as an ANC Commissioner for four terms. As an ANC commissioner, he has a strong record of standing up for his Deanwood community — including by calling attention and organizing a community response to police and developer misconduct along Sherriff Road and in other areas in Ward 7. He has been a consistent voice calling for evidence-based approaches to building community safety rather than mass-incarceration policies that have failed to prevent increases in violence.



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# WARD 8: TRAYON WHITE, SR.



**Councilmember Trayon White** has demonstrated a deep commitment to progressive policies during his first term on the Council, and we have seen his growth as a leader. Our endorsement team was also impressed by his self-reflection and humility in discussing with forthrightness many of the lessons he has learned from his first term.

[trayonwhite8.com](http://trayonwhite8.com)

focus is on serving the people of Ward 8; his votes to decriminalize fare evasion, fund homelessness services, and promote ethical governance earned him high marks on our [DC Council Scorecard](#). Of all of the incumbents seeking re-election, Councilmember White is the only candidate participating in the Fair Elections program JUFJ Campaign Fund supported, which elevates the voices and donations of ordinary DC residents over deep-pocketed special interests.

Councilmember White has demonstrated repeatedly that his

The JUFJ Campaign Fund is founded on the idea of building strong, accountable relationships with elected officials and candidates. Relationships help advance JUFJ Campaign Fund's policy goals, and they also help shape our and elected officials' understandings of and responses to critical issues for our community, such as antisemitism and white supremacy. When he misstepped, Councilmember White reached out to us for help understanding and responding, and he has striven toward *teshuvah*: a process of repentance, apology, learning, and change.

We look forward to working with Councilmember White on the priorities he shared with us during our endorsement process, including more funding for violence interruption and making sure that funds for affordable housing go to the very low income families and residents who need it the most.

It was the assessment of our endorsement team that none of the other candidates for the Democratic nomination in Ward 8 were more aligned with our progressive vision than Councilmember White, nor did they demonstrate a clear path to victory.

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# AT LARGE: ROBERT WHITE, JR.



**Councilmember Robert White** has proven in his first term that he will work to address the issues facing DC residents. The JUFJ Campaign Fund endorsed Councilmember White in 2016, has met with him annually to discuss important priorities, and allied with him on a number of policies throughout his first term. We hope to build on this work with Councilmember White going forward.

[robertwhitefordc.com](http://robertwhitefordc.com)

Councilmember White scored a 93% on [our most recent scorecard](#), aligning with us on progressive legislation like decriminalizing fare evasion, closing loopholes on rent control, and high quality childcare and health services for parents and babies. He was a leader in the drafting and passage of the legislation that eventually became the Birth to Three for All Act, the funding and implementation of which is one of JUFJ Campaign Fund's top legislative priorities. In his second term, Councilmember White has committed to focusing more on the critical education and housing needs in the city.

At times we have deviated from Councilmember White on issues of taxes and finances, where we believe his votes were too conservative to address the urgent needs of the city. For example, when DC gained new revenue from online sales tax, he voted against using it to provide services for people experiencing homelessness. In his second term, we hope he will prioritize the use of progressive revenue sources for the services our most vulnerable residents require.

While Councilmember White voted in favor of the Fair Elections program, we are disappointed that he has chosen not to use the program to fund his own campaign. He cites concerns about not having enough money to run in both the primary and general election, but he is running unopposed in the primary and no Democratic nominee has ever lost the at-large general election. We hope Councilmember White will participate in the Fair Elections program in future runs for office.

*There are no other candidates running for the At-Large seat in the Democratic primary.*

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## JUFJ CAMPAIGN FUND DC COUNCIL ENDORSEMENTS Democratic Primary 2020

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER

1. TO VOTE, YOU MUST FILL IN THE OVAL TO THE LEFT OF YOUR CHOICE COMPLETELY. A filled-in oval to the left of a candidate's name indicates a vote for that candidate.
2. Request your absentee ballot at [vote4dc.com](http://vote4dc.com) so you can vote safely from home.
3. Your ballot will have additional races on it, and will not have races for other Wards. The JUFJ Campaign Fund does not endorse in federal races.
4. This page is designed to look like your ballot. That's why there is all this fine print.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### WARD TWO

Vote for no more than One (1)

**JORDAN  
GROSSMAN**

READ MORE ABOUT  
JORDAN GROSSMAN  
ON PAGES 4-5

#### WARD SEVEN

Vote for no more than One (1)

NO ENDORSEMENT

READ MORE ABOUT  
WARD 7 ON PAGE 9

#### WARD FOUR

Vote for no more than One (1)

**JANEES  
LEWIS  
GEORGE**

READ MORE ABOUT  
JANEES LEWIS GEORGE  
ON PAGES 7-8

#### AT LARGE

Vote for no more than One (1)

**ROBERT  
WHITE JR.**

READ MORE ABOUT  
ROBERT WHITE JR.  
ON PAGE 11

#### WARD EIGHT

Vote for no more than One (1)

**TRAYON  
WHITE SR.**

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TRAYON WHITE SR.  
ON PAGE 10



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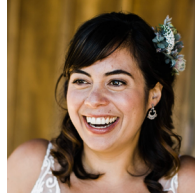
# ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE



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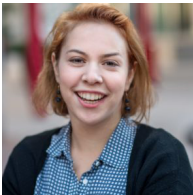


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# IN-PERSON VOTING

If you absolutely must vote in person, you may vote at **ANY VOTE CENTER IN ANY WARD** Friday, May 22 through Monday, June 1, 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM (closed on Memorial Day) or on Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

## Ward 1:

Columbia Heights Community Center (15th & Girard NW)  
Prince Hall Center for the Performing Arts (10th & U NW)

## Ward 2:

One Judiciary Square (4th & E NW)  
Hardy Middle School (34th & Wisconsin NW)

## Ward 3:

Murch Elementary School (36th & Ellicott NW)  
Oyster Adams Bilingual School (29th & Calvert NW)

## Ward 4:

Emery Heights Community Center (Georgia & Madison NW)  
Ida B Wells Middle School (5th & Sheridan NW)  
Raymond Recreation Center (10th & Spring NW)

## Ward 5:

McKinley Technology High School (T & Summit PI NE)  
Turkey Thicket Recreation Center (Michigan & Quincy NE)

## Ward 6:

King Greenleaf Recreation Center (Delaware & N SW)  
Sherwood Recreation Center (10th & G NE)  
Kennedy Recreation Center (7th & O NW)

## Ward 7:

Benning Stoddert Community Center (Stoddert & E Capitol SE)  
Deanwood Community Center & Library (49th & Quarles NE)  
Hillcrest Recreation Center (32nd & Denver SE)

## Ward 8:

Anacostia High School (16th & R SE)  
Barry Farm Recreation Center (Sumner & Wade SE)  
Malcolm X Opportunity Center (13th & Alabama SE)

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A copy of our report is filed with the Director of Campaign Finance of the District of Columbia Board of Elections.

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