



Ward 7 Candidate Forum Agenda

**Agenda:**

- **Introductions and Opening Remarks (20 minutes)**
- **Q&A - See full questions below! (50 minutes)**
  - Yolanda Corbett - Housing
  - Brittany Wade - Distance Learning
  - Gaby Fraser - Mental Health Supports
  - Alexis Jones - Preventing Displacement and Supporting Employment for Black Residents in Ward 7
  - Remaining time will be questions from the chat
- **Candidate Closing Remarks (15 minutes)**
- **Closing and Next Steps (5 minutes)**

Parent Name	Question
<b>Yolanda Corbett, Ward 7 and Rocketship Legacy Prep and Inspired Teaching School Parent Leader</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When we talk about truly supporting families, the homeless population has too often been left out of the conversation - even though this is something that many families in Ward 7 are extremely worried about. PAVE parent leaders are calling for housing programs that offer payment deferral options and assistance to support families with the greatest needs as we know this pandemic makes existing housing insecurity worse.</li> <li>- What is your plan to support families who are facing eviction, fear of displacement, or are currently living in shelters? In particular, please share any plans that include options that have more than 3 bedrooms, as the lack of them is a main reason for push out.</li> </ul>
<b>Brittany Wade, Ward 7 and Stuart-Hobson and Ludlow Taylor Parent Leader</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I have a big family. Four of my five children attend schools outside of our ward like many families in Ward 7. My question is how do any of the candidates plan to support families that choose to keep their children home after DCPS and DC Charter schools re-open?</li> </ul>
<b>Gaby Fraser, Ward 7 and SEED, Kelly Miller and Kuumba Learning Center Parent Leader</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When it is safe for our children to go back to school, it will not be like any first day of school that they have ever experienced. While our main priority is to make sure our children feel safe, there are going to be many challenges. Unfortunately, some of our children were confined in</li> </ul>



	<p>homes where abuse and neglect compounded their quarantine, with no hope of the safe haven or safety net of school. Moreover, and some of our children may have suffered the loss of a family member to COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What mental health supports do you think are needed in each school to assist our children with handling the impact of COVID-19 and the “new norm”?</li></ul>
<b>Alexis Jones, Thurgood Marshall Academy Student Leader</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What are your action steps to decrease the high level of displacement among black ward seven residents, in terms of career training and employment retention?</li></ul>