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## With Dems in Charge, Norton set to be Powerful on Capitol Hill



By James Wright  
Special to the Capital News

D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D) will become a major player in the U.S. House of Representatives when it convenes in January 2019.

On Nov. 6, the Democrats regained control of the House and as a result Norton will have the chance to chair a powerful subcommittee and use her seniority to push for a vote on issues important to the District of Columbia.

## Our New Pharmacist Fills Prescriptions and the Community's Needs



Dr. Melat Debela understands that neighborhood pharmacies do more than fill prescriptions. They also provide knowledge and resources to educate and empower the community and improve its overall health. Dr. Debela's new outpatient pharmacy at United Medical Center fills the needs of Wards 7 and 8 by providing a vital link to services.

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“The victories across the nation that delivered the House of Representatives to Democrats offer a greater dividend to the District than to Americans anywhere else,” Norton said in a statement. “This victory will move the District closer to equal citizenship and statehood.”

Norton has represented the District since 1991 and has successfully passed legislation benefiting the city despite having to deal with Republicans in charge of the House most of her tenure. With the Democrats in control and her good relationship with U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), who will likely be the next speaker, Norton will have considerably more clout and can count on a vote on the House floor as a member of the Committee of the Whole, among other things.

Norton is the top Democrat on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s subcommittee on Highways and Transit. The subcommittee is responsible for policy and for the billions of dollars that fund the nation’s highways, bridges and transit, including the Washington D.C. area’s transit system.

The House Democratic leadership and the Trump administration have both said re-building the nation’s infrastructure is a priority and Norton will play a leading role in that effort.

Norton said she has bills that will move the District toward more state functions, in addition to statehood legislation. They include bills giving the District mayor power to deploy its National Guard unit for local matters and to grant clemency to offenders convicted under local laws.

Norton would also set up a prosecutor for local crimes committed by adults instead of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, eliminate the congressional review period for D.C. bills and gives the District control over its city’s court system.

D.C. statehood legislation has gained traction in recent years despite Republican control.

At this point, 175 House members and 29 U.S. Senators have become co-signers of D.C. statehood legislation, a record number.

However, with a possible 40 new Democratic members of the House in January, that number could easily reach 200 in the lower chamber.

Recently, newly-elected representative Jennifer Wexton (D-Va.) said publicly she will support D.C. statehood legislation and Rep. Gerald Connally (D-Va.) is expected to chair the House Oversight Committee’s subcommittee on government operations that includes the District government.

The chairman of the House Oversight Committee will be Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.), a longtime D.C. statehood supporter and the expected House Majority Leader will be Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), who also favors statehood.

Greg Rhett is a well-known political and civic activist in Ward 7. Rhett told the Capital News that he is excited about Norton’s new found power on Capitol Hill.

“This is big for the congresswoman,” Rhett said. Using the card game of poker terms, Rhett said Norton is ready to be a player.

“We have sent her into the game with a number of chips and while she has come out winning all the time, she will be a big winner this time,” he said. “She will work it out for D.C. and she will use her power to get rid of those ridiculous legislative riders dealing with abortion or marijuana that hurts the city. The District of Columbia will no longer be a lab rat and so I say to her ‘go get em’” ■

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shop doctor visits and medication, and bedside delivery for discharge patients so they don't have to take their scripts and struggle with transportation to be able to fill them. We will also be providing free home delivery," Dr. Debela said.

Born and raised in Ethiopia, Dr. Debela moved to the United States when she was 19. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Temple University in Philadelphia in 2010. "I've always been passionate about health care. Being a pharmacist allows me to interact with patients daily in addressing their health care needs and health disparities in underserved communities," she said.

After managing retail pharmacies in the City of Brotherly Love, Dr. Debela moved to the District of Columbia five years ago. She worked as a pharmacist in a retail setting in Ward 8 for three years. "It inspired me to open an independent neighborhood pharmacy in the same ward," she reflected.

Dr. Debela asserts that the biggest challenge facing the pharmacy profession is very low or below cost reimbursements from Pharmacy Benefit management companies.

As a result, several small neighborhood pharmacies that have been serving their community for decades are being forced to close their doors. This limits patients' access to health care, especially in underserved areas," Dr. Debela said. "Pharmacy associations at state and national levels are working diligently and advocating for independent pharmacies, so I try to contribute to these efforts individually as a pharmacist and also as a Director in the Washington, D.C. Pharmacists Association."

The new outpatient pharmacy at UMC is where Dr. Debela consults with patients about their medication therapy and provides written information about each prescription.

"I also do periodic medication therapy management and comprehensive medication re-

views. This encourages patients to be more knowledgeable and proactive in managing their treatment," Dr. Debela explained.

Diabetes management is especially important in Wards 7 and 8, which lead the District in the number of diabetes cases. Of the 64,000 diabetics in D.C., 17,000 individuals are unaware they have the medical condition.

In 2006, the United Nations designated November 14 as World Diabetes Day in order to raise awareness of diabetes, its prevention, treatment, and complications.

"I believe pharmacists are the most accessible health care providers and, as such, play a key role in the screening and management of diabetes. For every four people diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes, one is undiagnosed. A simple routine test performed at a pharmacy can provide an efficient method of identifying a patient with a diagnosis," Dr. Debela noted.

In addition to guiding patients through managing medications and adverse effects, pharmacists can counsel on appropriate diet and exercise routine in treating diabetes.

United Medical Center welcomes Dr. Debela and her new pharmacy, and encourages the community to meet her and utilize her services and care. ■

## Notable Real Estate Trends To Watch For

By: Donald L. Isaac, Sr. GRI SRES

As the real estate market continues to evolve, new trends are emerging for 2019. Buyers will be more in control as the housing supply will finally catch up with buyer demand. Additionally, more millennials will be looking to get out of their parents' basement and purchase a home of their own.

Real estate agents have the challenging

task of changing with the market and being responsive to their clients' needs. Whether it is a buyer looking to purchase a new house or a seller looking to get the best price for their home sale, real estate agents will need to stay up on the emerging trends of 2019 and be ready to respond to a growing demand for real estate.

Ten members of Forbes Real Estate Council shared what trends in real estate they predict will have the biggest impact on their business in 2019. Here is what they had to say:

### 1. Co-Living And Community-Driven Spaces

Co-Living and community-driven residential will increasingly have a larger impact on the multifamily industry as it changes to reflect a new wave of renter demands and wants. Just as amenities have defined the last decade of commercial real estate development, the need for unique experiences and services will heighten competition.

### 2. Short-Term Rentals

The rise of the short-term rental market has created a boom in opportunity for large property owners or the single family owner. Priorities range from renting a room occasionally for extra cash to renting entire vacation homes at three to five times the local and regional market since you now can access a global community.

### 3. Fractional Investing

As peer-to-peer lending and crowdfunding catch mainstream attention, folks looking for greater diversification and passive investment opportunities will engage in fractional investing. The last few years have seen some extremely credible startups innovate in this space, and next year could lead to individuals moving away from sole ownership to fractional ownership via

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### 5. Smaller Living

Tiny apartments and mobile living will be a solution to increasing housing density in overpopulated areas. This will become more of a norm in big cities and will drive up operating income on existing apartment stock. This likely won't have a huge effect on 2019, but it will over the next decade.

### 6. New Appraisal Legislation

The new tax bill may further restrict new home-buyers from entering the market. Implementation of appraisal management company regulations in 2019 will increase costs and have the greatest impact on our business. It will increase the cost to do business, which will ultimately increase the cost to the consumer.

### 7. The Rise Of The Real Estate Investor



The stigma around the average real estate investor seems to have faded with the recession but also, the rise of the corporate/national real estate investor is happening as well. I see that niche becoming more competitive, recognizable and digitized in 2019. Many home owners won't think twice about entertaining an investor offer alongside considering selling with agents.

### 8. On-Demand Access For Renters

We often hear from renters that they are too busy to sweat the small stuff. They want immediate tour confirmations, like booking a restaurant on OpenTable, and near-immediate confirmation that they have leased, like booking a hotel. This real-time service expectation from a new generation of renters is exactly what we plan to cater to in 2018.

### 9. The Rise Of Micro Units

Rental rates have been increasing across urban areas for the last several years, and the most impacted cities have seen a rise in micro units. These well-designed rooms, as small as 200 square feet, maximize every square inch available. Places like The

Panoramic in San Francisco and Yotel in New York have been the first to embrace the model, and we see this trend expanding over the next year.

### 10. Millennial Buyers

I believe that the new buyers are millennials and we, as agents, need to become more proactive in the community to become that millennial choice. This generation has many different options for home ownership including tiny homes, investment homes and co-living situations with friends or family. It's going to be a huge learning curve and a fun adventure all around

As we are entering the end of 2018 at CSMI we are excited by the emerging trends in the real estate market and committed to working with our clients to be active participants in the lucrative and important market in the District of Columbia. If you are a potential seller, buyer, renter or investor we stand ready to work with you in meeting your real estate needs. Please feel free to contact me at: ■

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## Closing Out 2018 in the Best City!



Another year of serving the residents of the District is in the books! Heading into the last month of 2018, we are taking a moment to look back on all that we accomplished this year.

We “topped off” the Ward 8 Entertainment and Sports Arena in January and then cut the ribbon in September; officially opened Engine 22 on Walter Reed’s campus in February; we held our Fourth Annual March Madness, where 12 development projects city-wide were introduced including four from DMPED; we highlighted our growing tech and innovation sector at SXSW in Austin; curated a bigger, bolder innoMAYtion; officially opened Audi Field in Buzzard Point; created over 6,000 affordable housing units since 2015; and hosted countless groundbreaking and ribbon cuttings. We are seeing the fruits of our labor, but most importantly, it means we are creating opportunities for DC residents!

We are excited to see what this next month can bring. So far, we invite you to save the date for an event at 555 E Street SW on December 17. And stay tuned for DMPED’s 2019 Open House in January – you are not going to want to miss it this year!

We are excited to ring in 2019 with you all and wish you a safe, happy holiday season!

Regards,

Deputy Mayor Brian T. Kenner

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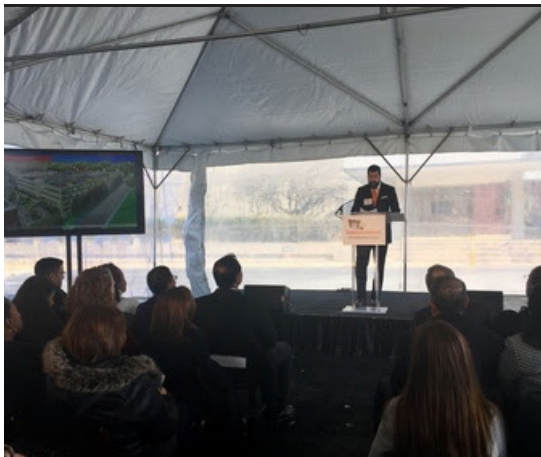
## Amazon HQ2 Announced



As you may know, the District was in the running for the chance to bring Amazon’s second headquarters to our city. It was announced on November 13th that the headquarters was being split between Crystal City, VA and Queens, NY. But, Amazon in Arlington is a win for DC. We will continue preparing residents with the skills and knowledge they need for the jobs of the future, including at Amazon. And, we want to thank our #ObviouslyDC team below for all the hard work they put into this project!

*“We know that this opportunity will push us to work together on our biggest challenges like improving our transportation and infrastructure. We must continue our investment in safety, reliability, and capacity at Metro and find ways to enhance service, including late night service,” said Mayor Bowser. “We offer our congratulations to Arlington and the Commonwealth of Virginia. We have always said that we would put our region and its people up against any other in the world. And as the federal government slows its growth, this announcement demonstrates that the technology sector will continue to flourish in our region as our economy diversifies.” ■*

## Children's National Coming to Walter Reed's Campus!



On November 28, Sarosh Olpadwala, DMPED's real estate director, gave remarks at the Children's National groundbreaking at the Walter Reed Campus in Ward 4. Children's Hospital is creating a one-of-a-kind research and innovation hub to drive discoveries that save and improve the lives of children, with a focus on pediatric genomic and precision medicine research anchored by Children's National Center for Genetic Medicine Research and Rare Disease Institute. Construction should be complete by 2020.

When complete, the building will house an incubator space for biotech start-ups, an outpatient care center, and a conference center.

*"The Mayor's vision for Walter Reed is to create a community where residents can live, work and thrive. The Mayor also committed to redeveloping this campus in such a way that honored its rich history," said Real Estate Director Sarosh Olpadwala. "And, with partners like Children's Hospital on this campus, we are realizing our vision for Walter Reed." ■*

# DC History Conference Brought the Black Past Very Close to Home

## D.C. HISTORY CONFERENCE



By Paul Ruffins

For the first four days in November, the new student center at UDC's Van Ness campus was ground zero for an intense discussion of local history. The occasion was the 45th annual DC History Conference. The annual event is an ongoing collaboration between the Washington Historical Society, the D.C. Public Library and the George Washington University Libraries.

This year's theme was Mobility, Migration, and Movement. The topics presented ranged widely from the creation of Metro, to the impact of African American and El Salvadorian migration to the region, to the bicentennial of the birth of Frederick Douglass, a man for whom mobility meant an escape to freedom. From the perspective of anyone interested in Black history, the conference's most valuable lesson was probably that researchers have barely scratched the surface of what can be still discovered. Over and over again, the presenters proved that looking at old documents through different eyes can reveal important new details about the lives of African American residents, slaves, and communities that lived in this area decades, even centuries, in the past.

In April of 2017, Georgetown University held a highly-publicized ceremony of remembrance, repentance and reconciliation to honor the memory of 272 African-American slaves. In 1838, their Jesuit owners sold them away from the lives they knew in Washington and Maryland, to go and work a plantation in Louisiana. The college was seriously in debt and in danger of default, and these enslaved men and women were the most valuable asset that could easily be converted into cash.

That infamous incident concerned the University selling off slaves that the Jesuits owned themselves to work local farms and plantations. By contrast, during the conference, Elsa B. Mendoza, who is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the school, presented a paper entitled Mi-

grant Planters and Slaveholding at Georgetown University. 1792-1802. Her research described how the labor of slaves owned by students or their parents was a basic element of the everyday operation and funding of the campus.

In the late 18th century, many of Georgetown's students were the children of wealthy plantation owners from nearby Maryland (which was an explicitly Catholic colony), and from as far away as the Caribbean. In a society where even rich people seldom had large amounts of cash, it was common for these students to bring enslaved people to campus where their labor was exchanged for tuition, room and board and other expenses. Some students' slaves worked on campus as cooks, launderers or construction workers, while others were hired out to local farmers and merchants. By examining the University's precise bookkeeping of students' charges, credits and payments, Ms. Mendoza concluded that at that time, Georgetown treated the present and future work of a student's slave as essentially a line of credit between the student and the university.

When we think of runaway slaves, it's easy to imagine men and women secretly traveling hundreds of miles to free territory in Pennsylvania, Ohio or Canada via the Underground Railroad. However, in his presentation, Bladensburg to Baltimore: D.C. Slave Escapes via Prince George's County 1790-1850, Douglas McElrath, director of Special Collections at the University of Maryland libraries, described a common but much less dramatic form of escape.

By examining hundreds of local newspaper ads seeking the return of runaway slaves, McElrath concluded that many DC area slaves emancipated themselves by simply managing to get to Baltimore, often through the town of Bladensburg. During that period, Baltimore was one of the biggest cities in the nation. More importantly, it had the largest population of free black people of any slave state. Before the invention of

photography or fingerprinting, it wasn't easy to accurately identify someone. Therefore, a slave who made it to Baltimore had a decent chance of being able to assume a different identity and start a new life by blending into a community where in 1830, more African Americans were free, (17,000) than enslaved (10,000).

In summing up the conference, Karen Harris, a member of the 2018 conference organizing committee, said, "Most members of the public think of History with a capital H, as the accepted story of 'what happened.' However, to scholars, history is constantly being recreated and revised through the hard work of research. It is the ongoing process of discovering new evidence then arguing about how it changes our interpretation of what happened and what it all means." ■

## Panel: Building An Impact Economy

On November 14, Business Development Director Karima Woods joined 308 Professional Fellows from 60 countries and territories where she participated on a panel titled "Building an Impact Economy: Doing Well While Doing Good", hosted by the Professional Fellows Congress. Karima discussed the importance of social entrepreneurship and the role government plays to create a supportive and inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem in DC.

***"We are a growing city with 700,000 residents," said Karima Woods. "What makes us attractive is vibrant and diverse neighborhoods, a stable economy and great transportation options."*** ■

## Affordable Housing Spotlight: Mayors, Councilmembers, & Local Leaders Form National Task Force to Address Housing Crisis Facing Cities Across the Country

On November 13, the National League of Cities (NLC) announced the creation of a national task force to address how communities can better respond to the growing challenge of housing availability, affordability, investment, and quality. The National League of Cities Task Force on Housing is being created under the leadership of NLC President Karen Freeman-Wilson, mayor of Gary, Indiana, and will be chaired by Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser.

***"The affordable housing crisis is one of the most critical issues we are facing in this country, and one on which we are effectively working to tackle in Washington, DC. From investing hundreds of millions of dollars for affordable units in new developments to building creative living spaces like grand-family housing for seniors raising their grandchildren, we know that mayors will lead the way in providing innovative solutions," said Muriel Bowser, Mayor of Washington, DC and chair of the newly formed the National League of Cities Task Force on Housing. "I am honored to serve as the Chair of the National League of Cities Housing Task Force and look forward to working with NLC President Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson and other city leaders to advance solutions for our residents."***

Comprised of 18 elected city leaders, representing a diversity of city sizes, geography, roles in their respective regions, and market types, the task force will develop a set of best and promising practices at the local level, as well as policy recommendations to federal and state governments. ■

# The Spirit of Giving in Ward 4



By 6:45 PM, the line had wrapped around the corner of Slim's Diner in Northwest's Petworth neighborhood. Despite the unseasonable wintery chill in the air, the atmosphere was one of warmth and gratitude. While patiently waiting for the doors to open, grandparents exchanged Thanksgiving recipes, mothers tried to entertain restless children, and neighbors enjoyed catching up with one another.


The reason for this gathering: Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd's third annual Thanksgiving Giveaway. Promptly at 7:00 PM, Councilmember Todd and his staff greeted the early arrivals, welcoming them as they filed into the warmth to collect their complimentary grocery gift cards and Patti LaBelle Sweet Potato Pies, sponsored by Safeway and Walmart.

"Tonight is all about celebrating the spirit of giving and taking care of those who are less fortunate," said Councilmember Brandon Todd. "In a city where we have seen unprecedented growth and wealth, we know that this prosperity has not reached every corner and every community in the District. While I work tirelessly at the John A. Wilson Building to create new opportunities that uplift those in-need, there is no substitute for being out in the community, directly lending a helping hand."

"Happy Thanksgiving! Thank you!" neighbors said, smiling and waving goodbye as they made their way to prepare for the holiday meal. In total, Mr. Todd's efforts helped 100 Ward 4 families celebrate the season by enjoying a Thanksgiving dinner together.

"That's what the holidays are all about," said Todd, "family coming together and enjoying a meal and quality time. I am honored to have helped make that a reality for just a few families in our community." ■





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## Legendary Civil Rights and Criminal Defense Attorney, Ordained Minister, Army Veteran and Author, Dovey Mae Johnson Roundtree, memoir slated to reach a wider audience



Dovey Mae Johnson Roundtree (April 17, 1914 – May 21, 2018) African American Civil Rights and Criminal Defense Attorney, Ordained Minister and Army Veteran, was a trailblazer in this country. Her 1955 victory, along with her law partner and mentor Julius Winfield Robertson brought the first desegregation case before the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), which resulted in the only explicit repudiation of the “separate but equal” doctrine in the field of interstate bus transportation, by a court or federal administrative body. During World War II, Roundtree became one of the first women commissioned as an Army Officer. She was later ordained as one of the first female ministers in the African Methodist Episcopal Church and was the first African American member of the all-white DC Women’s Bar, in 1962.

Roundtree’s legacy will continue to be a model against the oppression of people. Her memoir, *Mighty Justice*, with Co-author Katie McCabe, has been acquired by Algonquin Books, a division of Workman Publishing. The memoir was originally published by the University Press of Mississippi as “Justice Older than the Law.” The deal was negotiated by Algonquin Books’ Executive Editor, Amy Gash with Jessica Salky of the Hannigan Salky Getzler (HSG) Agency.

Film rights to produce the book have been acquired by Red Crown Productions with Donna Gigliotti (*Hidden Figures*, *Silver Linings Playbook*, *The Reader*). Octavia Spencer is slated as Executive Producer, through a deal negotiated by Jesseca Salky and Hotchkiss Daily & Associates.

Roaring Brook Press has also acquired rights to publish middle-grade and picture book adaptations. Those deals were negotiated by Connie Hsu with Carrie Hannigan and Jessica Salky at HSG. Audio rights to the book have been acquired by Audible through a deal that has been negotiated by Kristin Lang at Audible and Jesseca Salky at KSG. The 10th anniversary edition of the memoir is scheduled to be published by Algonquin in November 2019.

When the book was originally published as “Justice Older than the Law” by the University Press of Mississippi, Michelle Obama wrote of Ms. Roundtree, “She has clearly demonstrated that even in the face of enormous challenges, an unblinking belief in equality and justice will spur real change.” Further, Co-author Katie McCabe articulated, “When you work for two decades to help bring a person’s life story to the world, you want to make sure it has the best possible home.

Algonquin has a reputation for taking the utmost care with their books, and I know they will insure that all of America hears the story of Dovey Roundtree’s fight for justice and freedom in impossible times and against impossible odds.”

Charlene Pritchett-Stevenson, goddaughter of Dovey Roundtree, stated, “I am thrilled that Algonquin will publish *A Mighty Justice*. The story of the justice warrior who transformed my life as my godmother, my teacher, my minister, and grandmother to my son, will now reach the wide audience it deserves.”

A story that must reach a wider reading audience, Roundtree’s memoir and the Algonquin publication comes at a time when gains in equality are in jeopardy of regression back to a time when people of color had limited rights and were perpetually under racist attacks suppression. ■



## First wave of C. American migrants arrive in Mexico City



The first Central American migrants from a caravan traveling through Mexico toward the US in hopes of seeking asylum arrived in Mexico City on Sunday, taking up temporary shelter at a sports stadium.

More than 1,000 Central Americans, many fleeing gang violence and financial hardship in their home countries, bedded down at the stadium where the city government set up medical aid and food kitchens.

Ahead of US midterm elections on Tuesday, President Donald Trump has warned repeatedly about the advance of the caravan and ordered thousands of troops to the Mexican border, where units strung up razor wire this weekend.

The migrants arrived in the capital, nearly 800 kilometers from the closest border crossings in Texas, four weeks after setting out from the Honduran city of San Pedro Sula.

“Our heads are set at getting to the US, to fulfill the American dream,” said Mauricio Mancilla, who traveled with his six-year-old son from San Pedro Sula.

Thousands more Central Americans were moving in groups in the Gulf state of Veracruz, the central state of Puebla and in the southern state of Chiapas, local media reported.

“This is an exodus,” Alejandro Solalinde, a Catholic priest and migrant rights activist, told reporters.

The US government has pressured Mexico to halt the advance of the migrants and President Enrique Peña Nieto has offered temporary identification papers and jobs if they register for asylum in the southern states of Chiapas and Oaxaca. ■

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## Overview of the South Capitol Improvements Project

The former South Capitol Street Shopping Center is being redeveloped by City Interests, LLC and The Michaels Organization. This mixed-use project is comprised of a 195-unit affordable multifamily building and 5,500 sq. ft. of community/office space that includes a neighborhood grocer space, community room, and office space for ANC 8D. The multifamily building also has several resident amenities, which include a business center, lounge areas, fitness center, and private courtyards.

The Congress Heights Community Training and Development Corporation CHCTDC is currently leading the workforce development initiative that includes facilitating local small, minority and women disadvantage businesses participation and local hiring on the project as agreed upon in the Community Benefits Agreement CBA.

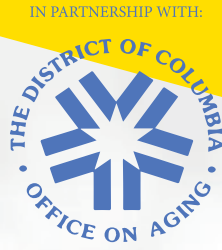
The South Capitol Improvements project is subject to DC First Source Agreement, Small Business Enterprise (SBEs), Certified Business Enterprise (CBE), and Section 3 requirements which are being monitored by the neighborhood CDC.

If you are a D.C. Certified subcontractor (see below) or D.C. resident and you would like to work on the South Capitol Improvements project please contact us ASAP.

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# South African parliament backs land reform report

**Opposition Democratic Alliance says it could go to court to stop proposed land reforms.**

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**President Ramaphosa has prioritized land redistribution as he seeks to win public support ahead of the election next year**

[Themba Hadebe/AP]

South Africa's parliament has approved a report endorsing a constitutional amendment that would allow expropriation of land without compensation - a decision the main opposition party said on Tuesday it could challenge in court.

Land is a hot-button issue in South Africa where racial inequality remains entrenched more than two decades after the end of apartheid when millions among the black majority were dispossessed of their land by a white minority.

A parliamentary team last month recommended a constitutional amendment to make it possible for the state to expropriate land without compensation in the public interest.

The team's report was debated in parliament on Tuesday and approved by a majority of the members present. However, adopting the report is just one step in a long process to change the constitution to allow for land reforms.

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President Cyril Ramaphosa, who replaced Jacob Zuma in February, has prioritized land redistribution as he seeks to unite the fractured ruling African National Congress (ANC) and win public support ahead of an election next year.

But the main opposition, Democratic Alliance (DA), and some rights groups are critical of the government's plans, saying it will jeopardize property rights and scare off investors.

“We support expropriation of land without compensation or zero rand compensation in the public interest,” the ANC's Vincent Smith said during the parliamentary debate.

## Section 25 of the constitution

Before Tuesday's debate, John Steenhuisen, the main opposition's chief whip, said “the DA will not hesitate to approach the courts” should the report backing the expropriation of land be adopted.

Following Tuesday's vote, a new bill proposing the change to Section 25 of the constitution to allow for expropriation of land without compensation would need to be drafted.

It would also require the public's contribution before a debate and vote in the assembly. To become law, it would need to be passed by both houses of parliament and then signed by Ramaphosa. It is unclear how long this process would take.

Last week, the High Court rejected a legal challenge brought by AfriForum, a group representing mainly white Afrikaners who wanted to overturn a parliamentary committee report supporting changes to the constitution. ■



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## January Horoscopes

### ARIES (MARCH 20TH - APRIL 19TH)

If someone tries to take liberties with you today you must not let them get away with it. Cosmic activity in the area of your chart that governs your standing in the world demands that you talk and act tough. Your reputation depends on it.

### TAURUS (APRIL 19-MAY 20)

If you lock horns with someone who turns out to be bigger or better connected than you today it may pay you to back off a bit and let them know it's really no big deal. The planets warn you need to choose your battles carefully.

### GEMINI (MAY 29 - JUNE 21)

If you react to some kind of provocation today you could quickly find yourself at a disadvantage. Don't play into your rivals' hands by getting worked up about issues that, in the greater scheme of things, are really quite trivial in nature.

### CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 22)

A clash of wills may be inevitable today as Mars links with the Sun in a less than helpful way. Be patient with people who annoy you by saying one thing and then doing another. They want you to get angry, it's part of their plan.

### LEO (JULY 23- AUGUST 22)

Be prepared for a certain amount of stress today, especially on the work front where some of your colleagues are clearly not up to whatever tasks you are working on together. But don't do it all yourself. They need to improve their game.

### VIRGO

#### (AUGUST 22 - SEPTEMBER 22)

This is a good day for getting things done but you must not make promises you won't be able to keep. It is no doubt flattering that others believe you can work wonders but don't forget you have limits like everyone else. You're human Virgo!



### LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 22 - OCTOBER 23)

If you let your anger get the better of you today it could be you who suffers the most as a result. As one of those pleasant, balanced Libra type's people expect you to stay calm and won't be impressed if you lose your head.

### SCORPIO

#### (OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 22)

Don't just sit back and let things happen – get out into the world and make them happen. The Sun leaves the career area of your chart on Thursday, so use the next 48 hours to push ahead on the work front. It's impossible to be too ambitious.

### SAGITTARIUS

#### (NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21)

If someone questions your ambition and desire today you will of course do everything in your power to show you are still on track for success. Just be careful you don't overdo it and damage yourself physically. You're flesh and blood like everyone else.

### CAPRICORN

#### (DECEMBER 21 - JANUARY 19)

Mars in your sign makes it easy for you to open up and let the world know what you think but others influences warn if you say too much it could cost you financially. Never let potential rivals know what your tactics are likely to be.

### AQUARIUS

#### (JANUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 18)

You may have a soft spot for someone but it seems you are the only one. Don't be surprised if friends and family try to pressure you to cut ties with them today – for your own good, of course. It's your call to make and it won't be easy.

### PISCES (FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 20)

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