

DUPONT CIRCLE

Beginning his political career in Dupont Circle as Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B Chair, Councilmember Evans continues to be an ardent supporter of this community.

Green and Clean Space

Dupont Circle has been a neighborhood of beautiful trees and parks for more than 100 years and Jack is committed to keeping it that way:

- Jack was instrumental in getting the city to renovate the Francis Public Pool (N Street) and the Connecticut Avenue underpass. A beautification of P Street, west of the Circle, this fall due to Jack's efforts to fund it in the District's capital budget.
- Jack has been instrumental in organizing and funding improvements to the S and T Street pocket parks at 17th Street, NW and at Stead Park. Minor improvements are scheduled for Stead in the current budget and a longer-term community based planning process to re-design is planned for next year.
- Jack has secured funds to renovate the playground at Ross Elementary School and is working with Dupont Circle Historic Main Streets and Greenspaces for DC to improve Connecticut Avenue's Median Strip.
- Jack is working with the National Park Service and concerned citizens to restore and light our neighborhood's symbolic masterpiece: the beautiful fountain in Dupont Circle. He is also actively seeking an appropriate tenant for the vacant trolley-station space underneath Dupont Circle itself.
- Jack secured mechanical street sweeping for the Dupont Circle area, in advance of other wards.
- Jack strongly supports citizen efforts to curb rats and trash in the Dupont Circle area.
- Jack sponsored legislation increasing sanitation fines and increasing the number of city sanitation inspectors. He meets regularly with DC government officials to encourage vigilant enforcement of the sanitation laws.
- Jack successfully fought last year to increase funding for the Department of Public Works Tree Division in order to keep Dupont Circle and other neighborhoods "the city of trees."

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Parking

Lack of parking is a critical problem in the Dupont Circle area.

- Jack convened a Dupont Circle Parking Task Force to determine whether additional on or off-street parking could be created in order to ease this shortage.
- Jack continues to increase funding for additional parking-enforcement officers to focus on out-of-city autos parking illegally in Dupont Circle neighborhoods.

Peace, Order & Quiet

Jack understands that strong and healthy residential neighborhoods are very important to the Dupont Circle area and that an appropriate balance between commercial and residential interests must be maintained.

- Jack has met with government officials and community leaders to address the problem of commercial trash haulers who ignore the early-morning curfew on garbage pick-up -- and Jack continues to follow up with DC government enforcers to ensure that the problem is corrected.
- Jack worked last year to curb the noise in West Dupont caused by new construction on P Street.
- Jack is working hard to renew the 5-year moratoriums on new liquor licenses in East (17th Street) and West (P Street) Dupont.

Economic Development

Thriving commercial districts that serve the residents are essential to the health of the Dupont Circle area.

- The Whole Foods Market on P Street has been a significant boost to the Dupont Circle and Logan Circle neighborhoods. Jack lead the way to ensure Whole Foods understood the importance of locating along P Street, NW.
- Jack was instrumental in bringing the Sunday farmers' market to Dupont Circle.
- Jack was a leader in securing a prohibition on large, block-sized commercial developments in the Dupont Circle area -- defeating, for example, the proposed 8-story Riggs Bank development at Dupont Circle and substituting instead the historic and appropriate renovation that has occurred at that site.

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Diversity

Dupont Circle is the most vibrant and diverse part of the city, and Jack is committed to maintaining that diversity.

- Jack has supported a modified version of rent control to retain an economically diverse population.
- Jack led the successful fight in 1992 to repeal the District's anti-sodomy law, often used to persecute gay people.
- As a member of the Domestic Partnership Committee, Jack led the difficult fight for the enactment of the District's "domestic partners law."
- Jack has consistently opposed efforts to outlaw or restrict adoptions by unmarried couples in the District of Columbia.
- Jack has vigorously and successfully opposed legislative efforts requiring mandatory AIDS testing.
- Jack was the first elected official in DC to support same-sex civil marriage.

Public Safety

Public safety of all residents, including those living in Dupont Circle, remains of paramount concern to Jack.

- Jack is a vocal and consistent advocate of increased foot patrols in the Dupont Circle area -- and has dogged the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) for their delays in implementing this popular and effective policing method.
- Jack persistently advocates with MPD Chief Charles Ramsey that he remove under-performing officers and to promote responsible, community-oriented officers to leadership posts in the 2nd and 3rd Police Districts.
- Jack fought successfully for aggressive anti-panhandling legislation to curb the intimidation of residents, especially women and the elderly.
- Jack has worked extensively with GLOV (Gay Men and Lesbians Opposing Violence) to institute Lesbian and Gay sensitivity training in the DC Fire Department, and to ensure full investigation of any alleged discrimination by police and fire department officers.