

## 2006 Biography for Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans

Jack Evans, Councilmember for Ward 2, was first elected to the DC Council in a 1991 special election and was re-elected in 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004. In 2001, Jack was elected by his colleagues to serve as the Chair Pro Tempore (Vice Chair) of the DC City Council.

When not working on balancing DC's budget or approving legislation, Jack enjoys doing the "other half of his Council job" by addressing the dozens of goals and challenges which arise daily in the **12 distinct neighborhoods** of Ward 2, including: Chinatown, Shaw, Mount Vernon Square, Logan Circle, Blagden Alley, Dupont Circle, Sheridan-Kalorama, Foggy Bottom/West End, Georgetown, Burleith, Hillandale and Downtown Washington (including the White House and the Mall).

At the Council, Jack serves as Chair of the Council's **Committee on Finance and Revenue**, which oversees the District's finances, including tax policy. In addition to earning a reputation as one of DC's toughest budget and tax stewards, Jack has used this Committee to secure approval of many major legislative tax reforms, including: reducing tax rates; simplifying DC's antiquated Tax Code; promoting tax breaks for working families; and, establishing incentives for businesses.

Jack also serves on two standing Council committees – Economic Development and Health. As a member of the Economic Development Committee, Jack has brought a number of high profile projects to Ward 2, including the MCI Center, the Convention Center, the Mandarin Oriental Hotel and most recently the resurgence of the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor – notably, the Studio Theater. Additionally, Jack served as the key architect in the early '90s of rules ensuring the creation of more than 2,000 downtown housing units; authoring and working for years to secure passage of enabling legislation establishing Business Improvement Districts (BIDs); and crafting DC's most ambitious affordable residential housing program.

Jack's requested to be a member of the Committee on Health after seeing the District spend \$1.6 billion annually on the DC Department of Health, while at the same time our DC health indicators remained the worst in the nation for almost every major category. New ideas are needed for the Committee on Health, and Jack is willing to work with the Committee's new Chair, Councilmember David Catania, to achieve these goals.

Jack has also served as the Council's representative to two of the region's most important entities: the Board of Directors for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority/**WMATA** (Board Chair, 1994 and 1997) and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments/**COG** (Board Chair, 1995).

Aside from being Councilmember, Jack's work in DC politics and organizations, includes:

- 1992, 1996 and 2000 Democratic National Conventions, as well as 2004 **Howard Dean** DC Co-Chair; 1992 & 1996 Bill Clinton's DC Co-Chair;
- DC Democratic Party – Jack served as the **Treasurer from 1988-'91**;
- His **first elected DC job** was Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner (ANC) Chair, 1989-'90; and
- In addition to regularly attending **Foundry United Methodist Church**, Jack served from 2001-'03 as Chair of its annual AIDS fundraiser, raising more than \$400,000.

Jack, 52, is a native of Pennsylvania. He received an economics degree with honors (cum laude) from the **Wharton School** of the University of Pennsylvania in 1975, and a law degree from the **University of Pittsburgh** School of Law in 1978. He began practicing law at the Securities and Exchange Commission in the Division of Enforcement and currently serves as Of Counsel at **Patton Boggs** law firm. Jack and his children (the triplets – Katherine, John and Christine – age 9) live in Georgetown with their golden retriever, Kayla. Jack's wife, Noel, passed away in September 2003 after a long battle with cancer.