

# COPE Recommendations to Endorse

## Ward 4: Renee Bowser



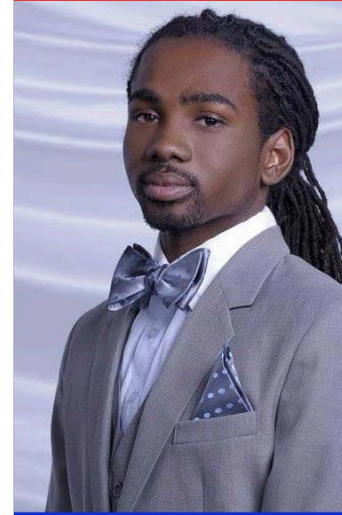
### Biography:

- Renee has lived in Ward 4 since 1989, and has served 4 terms as an ANC Commissioner.
- Former adjunct law professor, attorney, and Assistant General Counsel for the UFCW International Union
- Empower DC Member

### Reasons for Endorsement

With a labor background, Renee Bowser will be a clear ally of the WTU. In her interview, it was clear that Ms. Bowser has an understanding of the problems with income disparity and its impact on schools and education. She has a clear understanding of how she can use her council seat to hold DCPS accountable to the laws passed by the city council and will be a strong voice in advocating for her community and students across the whole district. She favors a moratorium on the continued charter school expansion in Ward 4 and is also in favor of ending mayoral control, bringing back a publicly elected school board who can hire a superintendent to run our schools. An experienced civil servant, she has the campaign experience to win.

## Ward 8: Trayon White



### Biography:

- Washington D.C. native
- Graduate of Ballou
- 2007, founded non-profit, youth oriented HICKS, Inc. (Helping Inner City Kids Succeed)
- 2011 won and was re-elected to State School Board representative for Ward 8

### Reasons for Endorsement

Trayon White has been a long time ally of the WTU, participating and bringing people out to many solidarity events. His experiences advocating for students within Ward 8 and serving on the State School Board have proven his dedication and understanding of the education system in DC. He understands the issues facing our schools, teachers, students, parents and community and will be a fierce advocate for bringing equity into the system. He supports a moratorium on the expansion of charters in Ward 8 and making sure that schools serving the most at risk students get access to increased funds so they can best serve them. Having won elections in Ward 8 before, he has a proven record of getting his supporters out to vote.

# Other Candidates Receiving Votes of Support from COPE Members

## Ward 4: Edwin Powell

- Former DCPS Principal at Spingarn
- Believes we can't use a 1-size-fits-all approach for helping our schools
- Need to work beyond fixing up buildings to provide for what is on the inside
- Believes in ending mayoral control
- Increased character education

## Ward 4: Brandon Todd

- Campaign has received many large contributions
- Supports mayoral control due to a singular form of accountability
- Worked with Muriel Bowser in her office
- Will hold DCPS accountable through city council oversight hearings

## Ward 4: Dwayne Toliver

- Will advocate, legislate and engage parents and teachers on key issues
- Supports a moratorium on charters
- Wants to hold DCPS accountable for how they spend their money by asking the right questions
- Use council to not fund what doesn't make sense

## Ward 8: Sheila Bunn

- Will advocate to get on to the education committee
- She will survey school leaders and parents to find out what is happening
- Become a lobbyist for the schools
- Make sure that legislation wording has teeth and hold chancellor accountable for spending

## Ward 8: Eugene Kinlow

- Council must provide more resources to those schools whose needs are the highest based on the children they are serving
- Students face challenges at home that need to be addressed
- Work to demystify the budget for residents so they can better advocate

## Ward 8: Anthony Muhammed

- Treat Ward 8 schools the same as Ward 3
- Willing to fight and take DCPS to court if they don't spend the funds as they should
- Willing to legislate to end mayoral control
- Legislate to stop council members from serving on charter school boards