



DC "**Write-in**" Mayoral Candidate  
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**Historic Campaign of Write-In Mayoral Candidate Rhonda Hamilton**

**Washington, D.C. November 8, 2022:** Mayoral Candidate Rhonda Hamilton (Independent) is running her first campaign for mayor as a write-in candidate. Ms. Hamilton is a mental health, and housing advocate as well as the founder of M.I Mother's Keeper, a mental health advocacy organization in the Washington, D.C. area. While she faces an uphill battle in this race as a write-in, there is precedent for the success of a write-in candidate in the D.C. mayoral race. Just 20 years ago, Mayor Anthony Williams ran for re-election after a political scandal that resulted in him losing nearly all of the required signatures that he needed to make the ballot. The embarrassing battle did not deter Mayor Williams who pivoted and lodged a write-in campaign. He ultimately won the general election after winning the primary election.

Faced with her own unique challenges, Candidate Hamilton is undeterred. She participated in the Women in Politics Candidate Forum & Debate September 12, 2022 and contended with the incumbent Mayor and the other candidates over the migrant crisis, housing and public safety, among other issues. A native Washingtonian, Ms. Hamilton's campaign slogan, "I AM DC", is a message that hopes to activate unengaged residents in a political landscape that has made it increasingly difficult for ordinary citizens to launch successful campaigns without wealthy donors. Ms. Hamilton's courage, alone, has activated thousands to support her as she marches towards November 8, 2022 hoping to secure the Mayoral seat.

Ms. Hamilton's campaign boasts change for the city in terms of narrowing the wealth gap between White residents and residents of color, creating an educational landscape where public school and public charter school students have appropriate resources so that they can learn, restructuring the District's housing agency so that our city's resources are actually utilized by the residents who so badly need them, and more. If she wins the election, she would be the third woman to win the Mayoral election and the first to win an initial election as a write-in candidate.

To learn more about Ms. Hamilton and her campaign, please visit her campaign website at [www.rhondahamilton4dcmayor.com](http://www.rhondahamilton4dcmayor.com).

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