



# Yvette Alexander

## Making Ward 7 One

### LEGISLATIVE NOTES

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## Legislative Actions as of September 2011

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- **Public Services and Consumer Affairs,**  
*Chairperson*
- **Environment, Public Works and Transportation**  
*Member*
- **Health,** *Member*
- **Human Services,**  
*Member*
- **Aging and Community Affairs,**  
*Member*

### INTRODUCED

#### B19-0515 “Litter Prevention Amendment Act of 2011”

- To amend the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Act of 2009 to permit funds from the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Fund to be used to purchase and install anti-littering signs and trash receptacles.

#### B19- 0516 “Advisory Neighborhood Commission Residential Facility Notification Amendment Act of 2011”

- To amend the Advisory Neighborhood Councils Act of 1975 to require notice to affected Advisory Neighborhood Commissions of the potential location of community-based residential facilities.

#### B19- 0517 “Verizon Center Graphics and Entertainment Act of 2011”

- To require the Mayor to issue rules governing additional graphics for the displays on the 7 exterior of the Verizon Center.

### CO-INTRODUCED

#### B19-0475 “Assault of Bicyclists Prevention Act of 2011”

- To create a civil cause of action for a person who while riding a bicycle is the victim of an intentional assault, injury, or harassment or the threat of assault, injury, or harassment, and to provide for civil penalties, punitive damages, and attorney’s fees.

#### B19-0483 “Municipal Bond Amendment Act of 2011”

- To amend the applicability date for the taxation of on municipal bond income and to create a new tax rate for personal income above \$350,000.

## CO-SPONSORED BILLS

### **B19-477 “Middle School Parity Act of 2011”**

- To require that District of Columbia Public School Students who reside in a boundary that does not have a middle school grades 6 through 8 be able to attend any District of Columbia Public Middle School.

### **B19-480 “Office of the Jobs Czar Establishment Act of 2011”**

- To establish an Office of the Jobs Czar within the District of Columbia government, which shall be directed by a Jobs Czar, who shall organize and centralize the implementation of a comprehensive workforce development strategy; identify unemployed and under-employed residents, public and private sector employer and occupational needs; coordinate local educational institutions, non-governmental community-based, or other non-profit organizational training providers to ensure curricula and training programs accommodate employer and occupational needs.

### **B19-484 “Urban Forestry Administration Reorganization Act of 2011”**

- To transfer the Urban Forestry Administration from the District of Columbia Department of Transportation to the District of Columbia Department of the Environment.

### **B19-485 “Gun Offender Pretrial Detention and Supervision Act of 2011”**

- To amend Chapter 13 of Title 23 of the District of Columbia Official Code to require that a person charged with any firearm related offense shall wear a detection device pending trial, and to require pretrial detention for any individual who commits a firearm related offense while on release pending trial, imposition or execution of a sentence or an appeal, or while on probation, parole, or supervised release.

### **B19-486 “Unemployed Anti-discrimination Amendment act of 2011”**

- To amend the Human Rights Act to prohibit discrimination in employment on the basis of an individual’s status or history of unemployment.

### **B19-509 “Condominium Amendment Act of 2011”**

- To amend the Condominium Act of 1976 to include all condominiums created after adoption of effective statute; to create a definition for electronic transmission and amend the definition for unit owner in good standing; to adopt the business judgment rule to govern decisions of condo boards; to allow for the relocation of unit boundaries unless prohibited by the condominium instruments; to allow for the subdivision of units unless prohibited by the condominium instruments; to provide that if an association provides notice of a proposed amendment to the condominium instruments to the address of record of a mortgagee and that mortgagee fails to respond within 60 days, such failure to respond will be deemed to be a consent to the amendment

### **B19-512 “Age-in-place and Equitable Senior Citizen Real Property Act of 2011”**

- To amend section 47-863 of the District of Columbia Official Code to increase the eligible gross adjusted income limit to \$125,000 for the purpose of qualifying for a 50% deduction in computing real property tax liability; and to re-define the terms “household adjusted income” and “residence”.

**Upcoming Hearings for Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs**

**November 9, 2011 11 a.m., Room 412**

**Bill 19-38 “Equal Access to Employment for All Act of 2011”**

The state purpose of B19-38 is to prohibit the use of consumer credit checks against prospective and current employees for the purpose of making adverse employment decisions.

**November 17, 2011 11 a.m., Room 123**

**B19- Bill 19-0517, “Verizon Center Graphics and Entertainment Act of 2011”**

The stated purpose of Bill 19-0517 is to require the Mayor to issue rules governing additional graphics for the displays on the exterior of the Verizon Center.

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#### About Ward7

Ward 7 sits on the most eastern part of the city. It is composed of 29 neighborhoods, over 72,000 people and has the largest number of children living within its boundaries. There is one public high school, H.D. Woodson Senior High, and several public charter high schools including Cesar Chavez and Friendship Collegiate Academy. The Ward has over 25 public and public charter elementary and middle schools. Ward 7 is surrounded by the Anacostia River on the west, Prince Georges County, Maryland on the north and east, and Ward 8 on the south. Some of the oldest communities in the District are in Ward 7, including Deanwood and Kenilworth.