

# Hospitality and Nightlife Venues in Washington Directly Contribute Nearly 15% of the Total D.C. Tax Revenues Comprising the District's Annual Budget

**We Are Proud To Endorse These Local Leaders Seeking Your Vote in the D.C. Primary Election on Tuesday, September 14 For Consistent Support of a Vibrant Community Nightlife and Fair, Balanced, and Common-Sense Regulations**



**Vote for D.C. Councilmember Harold Brazil** (D-At Large) in the D.C. Democratic Primary on Tuesday, September 14



**Vote for D.C. Councilmember Carol Schwartz** (R-At Large) in the D.C. Republican Primary on Tuesday, September 14



**Vote for D.C. Councilmember Sandy Allen** (D-Ward 8) in the D.C. Democratic Primary on Tuesday, September 14

**We also commend D.C. Councilmembers Jack Evans and Kevin Chavous for defending freedom of choice!**

Only three of 13 members of the D.C. Council support the forced imposition of a mandatory smoking ban at all District hospitality, entertainment, and nightlife venues – including all bars, nightclubs, lounges, cafes, restaurants, and hotels. We support preserving customer, worker, and business choice in our international city – not unnecessary and unenforceable government mandates – by allowing actual customer demand for non-smoking options to be reflected in the marketplace as a response to real consumer preferences.

Mayor Anthony Williams (D) and a strong Council majority have joined together to support the vitality and viability of the District's largest local industry business sector and to accommodate the broadest range of customer preferences at our community's social gathering spots. We congratulate both the Mayor and the D.C. Council for enabling the

nation's capital to join other cities, counties, and states around the country adopting a more sensible market-based alternative approach.

Non-local groups recently spent *more than a quarter of a million dollars* funding political efforts attempting to force a total and mandatory smoking ban on our city, including an attempt to use the ballot box. They have twice been stopped by D.C. court rulings for proposing a measure which violates District of Columbia Home Rule Act prohibitions against endangering local tax revenues and the District government's annual budget by voter initiative.

In recognition of common-sense leadership in opposing the imposition of a mandatory smoking ban and ensuring that Washington continues to offer our community's distinctive hospitality to all of its hometown residents, regional neighbors, and guests of our capital city, we also recommend your support for:

**D.C. Councilmember Jack Evans** (D-Ward 2)  
D.C. Democratic Primary, Tuesday, September 14

**D.C. Councilmember Kevin Chavous** (D-Ward 7)  
D.C. Democratic Primary, Tuesday, September 14



**Vote Tuesday, September 14, D.C. Primary Election**

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