

Annual Report 2025

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Message From Councilmember Frumin

2025 was a year full of challenges for the District of Columbia. The unpredictable actions of the federal government and budget uncertainty loomed over every policy decision.

Throughout the year, my focus remained on ensuring the District government delivered real results for residents in our neighborhoods. I prioritized strengthening the programs and systems District residents rely on every day.

That meant protecting funding for schools, housing stability, public safety, and services residents rely on during a challenging budget year; strengthening accountability across agencies; and staying closely connected to residents to understand what was working and where government needed to do better. This report highlights the impact of that work and what it meant for Ward 3 and the District as a whole.

MATT FRUMIN
COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 3



LEGISLATION & POLICY

22



**BILL
INTRODUCTIONS**



879

VOTES TAKEN

13



**INTRODUCED BILLS
PASSED, ENACTED,
OR OFFICIAL LAW**



MORE THAN

\$175

MILLION

**RESTORED OR
PROTECTED IN
FY26 BUDGET**

FISCAL YEAR 2026 (FY26) BUDGET WINS

PRESERVING PROGRAMS & SERVICES

AREA	COUNCIL ACTION
Housing	\$100M for Housing Production Trust Fund; tax abatement for Ward 3's So Others Might Eat
Public Safety Response	\$13.7M for OUC IT to support 911 call processing
Senior Support	\$1.2M for Senior Villages; \$500K for Iona's Dementia Navigators; funding for Sibley Memory Club
Educator Pay Equity	\$2.5M for educator pay equity and educator wellness grants
Communities in Schools	\$2.4M to restore community school grants
Child Care	\$9.5M to enhance DC childcare subsidy
Sustainability	\$305K to restore Healthy Homes and Residential Electrification
Local Business	\$2.5 million for Ward 3 Main Streets & Clean Teams
Legal Aid	\$19M to fully restore Access to Justice; \$7.8M to restore Litigation Support Fund
Violence Prevention	\$30M for violence prevention and victim services
DC Archives	Protected funding for DC Archives construction at UDC

Supporting Ward 3's Education Ecosystem

I protected classroom learning, stabilized early childhood education, and strengthened student supports.

- Secured full funding for the Pre-K Enhancement and Expansion Program (PKEEP), the Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Fund, and the Child Care Subsidy Program — supporting working families and early educators across the District.
- Funded a Communities In Schools coordinator at MacArthur High School, expanding on-site student supports that help at-risk students stay engaged and succeed.
- Supported classroom-focused policies, including limits on cellphone use, to strengthen learning environments.
- Worked with DCPS and DGS to ensure schools opened prepared, resolving electrical and infrastructure issues at Jackson-Reed ahead of major school events, and celebrated the completion of the Stoddert Elementary modernization, a major milestone for the community.
- Conducted extensive oversight of student transportation, pressing for promised GPS tracking technology to improve safety and transparency for families.
- Met with each Ward 3 school to assess budget needs and secured funding levels aligned with those priorities.



I was proud to introduce legislation to permanently designate MacArthur High School as John R. Thompson Jr. High School, honoring a DC native whose legacy as an educator and mentor will inspire future generations.



Housing Stability & Tenant Protections

My work this year focused on preventing displacement, expanding affordable housing, and protecting tenant safety.

- Introduced the Rent Stabilization Protection Amendment Act of 2025 to close a loophole that encouraged displacement in rent-stabilized buildings and to ensure equal treatment for voucher and non-voucher tenants.
- Supported the RENTAL Act of 2025 to modernize housing law while preserving essential tenant protections, including amendments I secured to protect tenant negotiating power in TOPA transactions.
- Advanced a tax abatement for So Others Might Eat (SOME) to expand supportive housing in Ward 3, enabling long-term financing for affordable housing in Woodley Park.
- Supported the Vacant to Vibrant Amendment Act to return long-neglected vacant and blighted properties to productive use, strengthening neighborhood stability citywide.

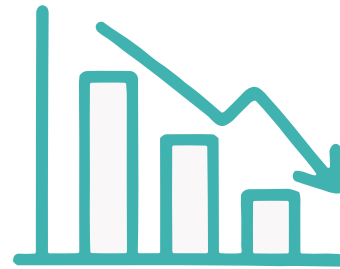


In 2025, I worked to expand supportive and affordable housing in Ward 3, including securing long-term financing for new affordable housing development.

Maintaining Commitment to Public Safety

I approached public safety with a clear-eyed focus on data, prevention, and community trust.

- Grounded public safety discussions in crime data, recognizing areas of improvement while addressing ongoing challenges.
- Advocated for budget investments in police recruitment, retention, and community policing.
- Supported prevention programs and neighborhood-based safety strategies, including violence interruption, youth engagement, and place-based interventions in high-impact areas.
- Voted to extend the temporary juvenile curfew as part of a broader strategy to reduce late-night incidents while connecting youth with appropriate supports.
- Participated in MPD safety walks and community meetings, especially near schools, parks, and commercial corridors.
- Worked with District agencies to improve traffic and pedestrian safety around schools and recreational spaces.



Thriving Connected Neighborhoods

I worked to strengthen Ward 3's commercial corridors, improve transportation, and shape the District's long-term growth.

Councilmember Frumin Introduces Bill to Rename Connecticut Ave Bridge In Honor of Disability Rights Advocate Judy Heumann

"I believe Judy Heumann, who helped shape how people with disabilities connect with their communities in profound ways, is an apt namesake for the bridge that helped connect her to her community in Cleveland Park."

– Councilmember Frumin



- Secured increased funding for Main Streets programs, including seven in Ward 3, and new Clean Teams to help small businesses remain vibrant and resilient.
- Pushed for a stronger, more accountable deal for the RFK Stadium site that prioritizes housing, jobs, environmental protections, public river access, and citywide benefits.
- Advocated for Ward 3 residents during the Better Bus Network process, with WMATA responding to the majority of routing and stop issues raised with meaningful changes.
- Served as Vice Chair of the Transportation Planning Board in 2025, helping guide regional decisions on transportation planning, investment, and long-term mobility.
- Engaged in the Chevy Chase Civic Core process through ongoing conversations with residents, participation in community and ANC meetings, and involvement in the public disposition process, including a full-day public hearing.

Supporting Older Residents

Helping older residents age in place safely and with dignity remained a personal priority.

- Celebrated opening of The Louise on Western, more than 90 new affordable housing units for older residents. This was the first Housing Production Trust Fund-supported senior housing project in Ward 3.
- Developed a resource guide available at MattFruminWard3.com to help older residents connect with District programs and services.
- Participated in the Ward 2 & 3 Senior Wellness Center Taskforce and community engagement efforts, including Old People Are Cool Month.
- Secured \$1.2 million for Senior Villages, \$500,000 for Iona's Dementia Navigators, and continued funding for the Sibley Memory Club to support older residents living independently and with dignity.



STRENGTHENING HUMAN SERVICES

20



**BILLS REFERED TO
COMMITTEE**



8

**AGENCIES &
COMMISSIONS
UNDER PURVIEW**

8



**BILLS FROM
COMMITTEE
PASSED, ENACTED,
OR OFFICIAL LAW**



MORE THAN

30

HOURS

**OF PERFORMANCE
OVERSIGHT HEARINGS**

Human Services & Support

Housing & Homelessness

- Helped secure a \$42.6 million investment in homelessness prevention and response, including: ERAP expansion, restored family shelter support, and resources to help 200 families exit homelessness.
- Led in-depth oversight of voucher and ERAP programs, resulting in new on-site services in several buildings, a landlord and neighbor hotline, and improved lease-up outcomes.
- Advanced reforms to stabilize ERAP and prevent disruptions to tenants and housing providers.
- Restored funding for domestic violence housing services and workforce development for homeless youth.



Public Benefits & Economic Security

- Established a Health Care and Public Benefits Ombudsman to help residents resolve administrative issues.
- Increased the child support passthrough for TANF families and advanced further system reforms.
- Passed legislation to reduce public benefits theft and reimburse residents for stolen funds.

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES FY26 BUDGET WINS

PRESERVING TANF

- REVERSED A \$7.5M CUT TO TANF
- ROLLED BACK RUSHED TANF PROGRAM CHANGES
- BOOSTED CHILD SUPPORT PASSTHROUGH FROM \$150 TO \$200/MONTH

YOUTH, SURVIVORS, & SENIORS

- \$500K FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES
- \$1.53M TO EXPAND YOUTH HOUSING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL BUSINESS & CULTURE

- SUSTAINED GO-GO SUPPORT AND FILM REBATE PROGRAM

Human Services & Support

Oversight & Accountability

- Led investigations into procurement practices that resulted in corrections, reimbursements, and referrals to the Office of the Inspector General.
- Improved grant administration at DHS to reduce delays for community-based organizations.
- Helped nearly double the number of families leasing up with housing vouchers each month.
- Improved agency coordination, including adding cable service requests to the 311 system.

Public Libraries

- Prevented reduced hours and closures by securing \$6.5 million in staffing investments.
- Restored funding for books, materials, and maintenance to keep libraries open, safe, and welcoming.
- Introduced legislation to reduce e-book costs, helping libraries stretch limited resources.

PRIORITIZING LIBRARIES

- **\$6.5M TO SUSTAIN OPERATING HOURS**
- **\$1.5M TO BOOST BOOK BUDGET (\$500K INCREASE OVER FY25)**
- **\$2M TO INVEST IN FACILITY IMPROVEMENT**
- **\$1M FOR THE NEW BRIGHTWOOD / MANOR PARK LIBRARY**

SERVING & ENGAGING CONSTITUENTS

1175



**CONSTITUENT
CASES HANDLED**



8

**WORKDAYS IN THE
WARD HOSTED**

27



**DIGITAL
NEWSLETTERS**



12

**QUARTERLY MEETINGS
WITH ANC MEMBERS,
MAIN STREETS, &
SENIOR SERVICE ORGS**

Effective & Responsive Government

My team and I worked to keep residents informed, help constituents navigate government, and resolve quality-of-life issues in Ward 3.

- Addressed concerns ranging from school repairs and sanitation to permitting, traffic, and neighborhood safety.
- Coordinated with agencies to resolve long-standing infrastructure issues, including the completion of the Soapstone project.

WORKING FOR WARD 3 IN 2025



Supporting Our Schools

- Pushed for overdue repairs at:
 - Hearst Elementary School
 - Deal Middle School
 - Jackson-Reed High School



Parks & Recreation Fixes

- Secured a swing space for Boys & Girls Club during Jelleff Rec Center renovation
- Replaced broken nets at Chevy Chase Park
- Repaired splash pad at Hardy Park



Public Works in Action

- Responded to missed collections
- Coordinated salt cleanup after winter storms
- Ensured quick action on downed trees and power lines
- Assisted with delayed DC Water billing issues



Transportation Assistance

- Worked with DDOT to correct traffic signage
- Addressed pothole and construction concerns
- Helped resolve billing overcharges at DMV



- Advanced park and recreation improvements at Turtle Park, Hearst Park, Fort Reno, Macomb Playground, and Wilson Pool.
- Expanded communications, including adding Bluesky, and used newsletters to explain complex issues during budget negotiations and periods of uncertainty.
- Used ongoing resident feedback to guide legislative priorities, oversight, and constituent services.



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