



COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

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FAIR BUDGET COALITION FY26 COUNCIL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

A note for our FBC community:

We offer this Council Accountability Report (“CAR”) to help community members understand how the DC Council did its work over the past budget season. We look at 3 different aspects of the work councilmembers do related to passing a DC budget and being accountable to concerned constituents:

- **Transparent communication** with community, especially about budget priorities and decisions,
- **Alignment with Fair Budget Coalition’s budget priorities** (the budget recommendations found in our [FY26 budget platform](#) and our Priorities Short Lists before committee markups, the [first](#) vote, and the [second](#) vote), and
- **Engagement with our Coalition** in the form of scheduled meetings and thought partnership.

Our hopes for this CAR:

- We want to give you more information about the Council to support you in being **active, engaged residents, voters, and leaders in the fight for better policy for the people and a racially equitable budget for DC!** We hope this information makes you think, get involved, and ask questions.
- We want councilmembers themselves to understand what we look for, value, and hope for as they engage with our community on the budget. We want them to use our budget recommendations to make a more just, racially equitable DC. We seek to be partners with the Council in driving **transformative policy change**. We believe we can help shift the Council toward more equitable, transparent, and engaged processes with community members.
- We want to **grow the accountability process** to move our beloved DC to a better future, one where all residents thrive, not just survive. We are dedicated to building a racially equitable DC, which we do through partnership, collective action, pressure, relationships – all the things, with all the people. Accountability and access to information support this critical work.

Things to keep in mind:

- We assess the criteria using only what we can easily measure through direct observation and experience and public record. We believe that the 3 criteria are all essential to strong, effective Council work.
- This type of accountability reporting can spur growth in specific behaviors that we believe are important. For example, by targeting how councilmembers communicate with residents, we hope that councilmembers will be able to deepen their engagement and collaboration with community members.
- You can see the results for each councilmember on pages 3-5, “Councilmember Accountability Results,” for each of the 3 criteria. The shading over the circles shows how often they are meeting each criteria. You can read more details about each councilmember by clicking on any of the criteria next to their names. The links go to the FY25 Council Accountability Report Details. The “Criteria and Results” chart on page 6 shows the metrics we used and the data collected. For a more detailed description of our process, please see the “Explanation of Our Process,” [here](#).

We look forward to hearing from you with any feedback and suggestions!



COUNCILMEMBER ACCOUNTABILITY RESULTS

(CLICK ON EACH UNDERLINED CRITERION FOR DETAILS)

Phil Mendelson
Chairman



Transparent Communication

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Alignment with FBC Priorities

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Engagement with Coalition

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Kenyan R. McDuffie
At-Large



Transparent Communication

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Alignment with FBC Priorities

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Engagement with Coalition

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Anita Bonds
At-Large



Transparent Communication

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Alignment with FBC Priorities

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Engagement with Coalition

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Robert C. White, Jr.
At-Large



Transparent Communication

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Alignment with FBC Priorities

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Engagement with Coalition

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Christina Henderson
At-Large



Transparent Communication

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Alignment with FBC Priorities

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always

Engagement with Coalition

Not at all

A little

Some-times

Often

Always



Brianne K. Nadeau
Ward 1



Transparent
Communication

Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always
Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always
Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always

Alignment with
FBC Priorities

Engagement
with Coalition

Brooke Pinto
Ward 2



Transparent
Communication

Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always
Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always
Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always

Alignment with
FBC Priorities

Engagement
with Coalition

Matthew Frumin
Ward 3



Transparent
Communication

Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always
Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always
Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always

Alignment with
FBC Priorities

Engagement
with Coalition

Janeese Lewis George
Ward 4



Transparent
Communication

Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always
Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always
Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always

Alignment with
FBC Priorities

Engagement
with Coalition

Zachary Parker
Ward 5



Transparent
Communication

Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always
Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always
Not at all	A little	Sometimes	Often	Always

Alignment with
FBC Priorities

Engagement
with Coalition



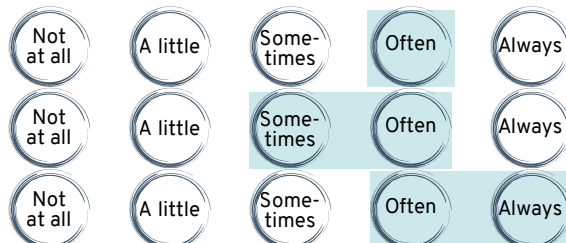
Charles Allen
Ward 6



Transparent Communication

Alignment with FBC Priorities

Engagement with Coalition



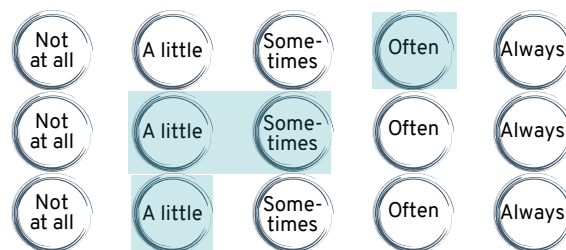
Wendell Felder
Ward 7



Transparent Communication

Alignment with FBC Priorities

Engagement with Coalition



Trayon White, Sr.
Ward 8



Transparent Communication

Alignment with FBC Priorities

Engagement with Coalition



**Due to Councilmember White's unfortunate absence for the majority of 2025 (including all of budget season), we are not offering any assessments in this section. However, click on the link above to read more about his transparent communication.

ACCOUNTABILITY CRITERIA AND RESULTS

Criteria	Measures	MENDELSON	MCDUFFIE	BONDS	R. WHITE	HENDERSON	NADEAU	PINTO	FRUMIN	LEWIS GEORGE	PARKER	ALLEN	FELDER	T. WHITE ** ** PART OF YEAR
Transparent Communication	Does the councilmember regularly send newsletters?	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	--
	How many did they send 10/1/24-9/3/25?	3	47	6	32	28	32	30	24	51	53	34	17	14
	Do they explain their policy decisions & legislation in an accessible way?	Some	Yes	Some	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Some	No
	Are newsletters available on their website?	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
	Is the website up-to-date, easy to understand, and informative?	No	No	No	Some	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Some	Yes	No
	Does the councilmember use social media platforms to communicate often (O), infrequently (I), or a mix (M)?	M	M	I	M	O	O	O	M	O	O	O	O	N/A
Alignment with FBC Priorities	Did they send a letter to the mayor to identify their priorities transparently?	No letter sent	Did not re- spond	Did not re- spond	Yes	Yes	No letter sent	Yes	Yes	Yes	No letter sent	Yes	Yes	N/A
	How many of the 31 FBC recommendations were listed as priorities in their priorities letter to the mayor?	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	6	N/A	11	10	9	N/A	6	5	N/A
	Did they lift up FBC budget priorities in public statements, funding decisions, and/or at votes? (see here for details)													
	• during committee markups (N/A = no FBC recs in the committee they chair)	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	N/A	N/A
	• at the budget work session	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/A
Engagement with Coalition	• during the 1st vote	✓	-	-	-	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	N/A
	• during the 2nd vote	✓	-	-	✓	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	N/A
	Did the councilmember meet with FBC to discuss the budget and our priorities? "Tried" = scheduled but had to cancel	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	N/A
	Of 2 requested meetings, how many times did senior staffers meet with FBC staff about our budget platform?	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	0	2	2	1	N/A
	Did their office reach out to FBC for information or thought partnership at any point?	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	N/A