

PROTECT HOME RULE. EXPAND AUTONOMY. STAND WITH RESIDENTS.

Washington, D.C.'s right to self-governance is under direct threat. Congress continues to override local laws and threaten our autonomy. Defend DC is a comprehensive strategy to protect Home Rule, expand D.C.'s autonomy, and stand with residents against federal overreach.

THE THREAT TO SELF GOVERNANCE



700,000+ | DC residents with zero voting members of Congress



Every law | 30-day Congressional review before taking effect



100% locally funded | yet Congress still approves DC's budget



0 control | over DC's National Guard – no peacetime command authority

OUR PLAN

1. DC Statehood

Our administration will pursue full representation and expanded self-governance through every available legal, legislative, and constitutional pathway.

- Support D.C. statehood as the most direct path to full representation while pursuing gains that expand autonomy now
- Build a national coalition to raise the political cost of blocking statehood
- Advocate for limits on the President's authority to federalize MPD
- Use every executive and legislative tool available to expand D.C.'s governing authority now

2. Defending Home Rule

Home Rule is only as strong as the people elected to protect it. We will litigate when necessary, build national coalitions to raise the political cost of interference, and prepare legal and media strategies before threats materialize.

- Home Rule defense coordination across Mayor, Council, and AG
- Partnerships with nationwide Statehood advocates
- Response plans before bills that may draw backlash
- Expand Home Rule curricula in schools
- Exemplary budget management to eliminate any pretext for intervention

3. Protecting Residents from Federal Overreach

D.C. government will stand between federal enforcement agencies and the residents who live here.

- Prohibit D.C. agencies from cooperating with ICE. detainers absent a judicial warrant
- Ensure no resident is afraid to call the police, send their child to school, visit a hospital, or access city services because of their immigration status
- Rapid-response economic support when federal workforce disruptions impact D.C.
- Oppose any federal effort to restrict library materials or school curricula
- Expand D.C. municipal ID – accessible, affordable, widely accepted, with privacy protections

4. Super Home Rule

Statehood is the goal. Super Home Rule ensures we're never one Congress away from losing what we've gained.

- Congress could no longer review or overturn D.C. laws
- Full budget control with no riders, vetoes, or restrictions
- A local court system with D.C.-appointed judges
- Peacetime National Guard command transfers to the Mayor
- Repeal the ban on taxing non-resident income earned in D.C.
- D.C. gains the ability to adopt its own constitution and redesign its governance

"700,000 people live here, pay taxes here, and build their lives here. We deserve the same right to govern ourselves as any American." – Gary Goodweather