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Tell us something about yourself:

- I am currently a member of the Communications Committee of the Ward 5 Democrats.
- I was previously the 2nd Vice President and Public Affairs Chair for the Ward 5 Democrats.
- I am active in DC and Ward 5 politics and usually work in Precinct 69 on local and presidential elections.
- I have worked on numerous political campaigns, voter registration drives and GOTV programs.
- I am a community activist and Board Chairman of Premier Community Development Corp. in Ward 5.
- I currently serve on the Constitution and By-laws and a former member of the DC Democratic State Committee.
- I am the immediate past president of the DC Federation of Democratic Women.
- I am currently the President of the Eleanor Holmes Norton Legacy Fund - a fund established in 2018 to award scholarships to DC students studying law or public policy who are committed to public service.
- I have attended five national Democratic Conventions and served as the assistant DC public relations chair.

Why are you seeking to serve as an Officer of the Ward 5 Dems and what would you like to see accomplished during your tenure?

I would like to provide some degree of continuity for the Ward 5 Dems Executive Committee, since a number of members will not be running this term. I believe we have to be very intentional about attracting new members and retaining current members to the Ward 5 Dems as members as our community grows and changes. We need to recruit a critical mass of young and middle- aged adults to recruit younger members. I believe we have an obligation to create a succession plan to fill the void created by aging community and political leadership in Ward 5 and in the city and I'd like to be part of the solution. I would like to share my experience as a public affair professional. I was formerly the Public Affairs and Marketing Manager for the DC Deputy Mayor for Economic Development. I have a BS Degree from Virginia State University and MPA from George Washington University with a concentration in Public Policy and Urban Planning.