



My name is Tisha Cockrell and I'm pleased to announce my bid to again serve as Advisory Neighborhood Commission for ANC 4B09 in this year's November 3, 2020, election. I would appreciate your support.

A DC resident since 1994 (and member of the Riggs Park Community since 2010), I have always been drawn to serve my community. Besides representing ANC 4B09 from 2016 to 2018 and serving as ANC4B Treasurer, I began my service to our community by attending Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association (LRCA) meetings and eventually joined the LRCA Executive Board, serving two consecutive terms as Second Vice President. I currently serve as the First Vice President of the LRCA. During my two terms as Second Vice President of the LRCA, I also held the position of Chair of Youth Development/Recreation committee and was a member of many of LRCA committees such as the Newsletter Committee, the Development Task Force Committee, and the Public Safety Committee, while assisting with other committees as needed. In 2015, ANC 4B selected me from a series of interviews to also serve as Chair for their Parks and Recreation Committee.

As the previous Commissioner of ANC 4B09, I made government more accessible, bringing Single Member District (SMD) meetings to our 4B09 community on the third Tuesday of every month, wrote several ANC Resolutions (including a Settlement Agreement with the Riggs Road NE Wal-Mart), and kept the city focused on a long list of neighborhood repairs and requests from our residents to the Mayor's office and the Ward 4 Councilmember.

In order to effectively represent this community, I attended (and still do attend) as many community functions as possible, including LRCA public and committee meetings, ANC meetings, special meetings, and block meetings. I was also sure to invite District agencies, businesses, and developers to those meetings and sent out many emails, meeting minutes, and neighborhood notices to ensure transparency and distribution of knowledge to our residents. I along with other community leadership, helped to plan Riggs Park Day in May 2018 alongside DPR, LRCA, and the then ANC 4B08 Commissioner.

I am running for the ANC4B09 seat again because I want do the things I am known for doing that are important to a community like information sharing, transparency, community unity,

eradicating division, and creating a space for all voices. We are a diverse community and our strength comes from our diversity. Everyone is important and we all have gifts to share. I know how to unite us and have been a part of the success of our unity. I plan to see us there again. With the onset the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we have been challenged in an unprecedented way that has ushered us into a new normal, causing us to find new ways to innovate. Information must now flow quickly and to all, in every way imaginable, to be sure we all are keeping well, safe, heard, and assured.

My focus during this campaign is service and public safety.

During my first term representing ANC 4B09 (from 2016 to 2018), and as an Executive Board member of Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association (LRCA), I was sure to respond promptly to personal emails and our community listserv, phone calls, texts, and social media messages on Facebook and Instagram. I still am fully engaged and can usually be found sitting in on virtual Zoom and WebEx meetings on community issues. I show respect and attention to every resident regardless of length of residency, race, gender, creed, ethnicity, religion, or socio-economic background. Community Improvement and unity is also a priority for my campaign.

I've worked side by side with fellow neighbors to follow up on requests regarding sidewalk and street repair, tree pruning, lighting, parking, trash collection, rodent abatement, crosswalk issues, negotiating with businesses such as Wal-Mart, Riggs Liquors, Culture Coffee, Hellbender, and The Parks Main Street to assist with them in being responsible and engaged members of our community.

I have partnered with District agencies, such as Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) staff and Roving Leaders, Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE), and DC Prevention in an effort to find ways we can reach our youth and curtail crime. I met with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) 4th District Commander, lieutenants, and sergeants. I also served as the treasurer of the 4th District MPD Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) in order to address our community's issues directly as a concerned leader of our community.

I have maintained many of these partnerships through my newest role as the President of our Friends of Riggs-LaSalle Recreation Center. I conducted neighborhood walks in the community with the ONSE group engaging residents, especially young people. We've also sat down with DC Prevention on several occasions to research some of the patterns and behaviors of those involved in certain activities that lead to problems and we are still doing so currently.

I have been and am still dedicated to doing the work of the community, to continuing previous efforts, bridging the gap, and building a safe and close-knit community. I would appreciate your vote whether by mail-in ballot, early voting, or on Tuesday, November 3, 2020!