

- SMOKEFREE DC COUNCIL PROFILES -

LONGTIME STRONG SUPPORTERS OF A 100% SMOKEFREE WORKPLACE BILL		
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STRONG SUPPORTERS OF A 100% SMOKEFREE WORKPLACE BILL WHO ARE NEW TO THE COUNCIL		
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<p>Vince Gray Ward 7 (D) 202-724-8097 (fax) 202-724-8068 (phone) John A. Wilson Building, Suite 506 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004 <i>vgray@dccouncil.us</i></p>	<p>Mr. Gray publicly ran on the issue of 100% smokefree workplaces in the 2004 council race. He was a co-sponsor of the Smokefree Workplaces Act of 2005 (B16-0187) and the Occupational Safety and Health Amendment Act of 2005 (B16-0193). He introduced the Department of Health Functions Amendment Act of 2005 (B16-293) now being considered by the Committee on Health, on which he sits.</p>	

RECENT SUPPORTERS OF A 100% SMOKEFREE WORKPLACE BILL		
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<p>Linda W. Cropp At-Large (D) 202-724-8085 (fax) 202-724-8032 (phone) John A. Wilson Building, Suite 504 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004 <i>lcropp@dccouncil.us</i></p>	<p>Council Chairman Cropp has not co-sponsored any smokefree workplace bill and disappointed many when in early 2005 she assigned the Occupational Safety and Health Amendment Act of 2005 (B16-0193) to the Committee on Public Works and the Environment, chaired by strong opponent Carol Schwartz. She publicly expressed an opinion about smokefree workplaces for the first time in response to a September 2005 mayoral candidate questionnaire. She wrote, "I support Smokefree DC with exceptions. As in New York, California and Montgomery County and other places that have enacted smokefree legislation, like those jurisdictions, I support reasonable exceptions."</p>	
<p>Jack Evans Ward 2 (D) 202-724-8023 (fax) 202-724-8058 (phone) John A. Wilson Building, Suite 106 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004 <i>jackevans@dccouncil.us</i></p>	<p>Mr. Evans did not support the Smokefree Workplaces Act of 2003 and instead co-sponsored Councilmember Schwartz's weaker alternative bill. He did not co-sponsor either of the bills introduced in early 2005 but did sign on as a co-sponsor of the Department of Health Functions Amendment Act of 2005 (B16-293), now being considered by the Committee on Health, on which he sits. He says he will vote for a 100% smokefree workplace bill.</p>	

RECENT SUPPORTERS OF A 100% SMOKEFREE WORKPLACE BILL (CONTINUED)

<p>Jim Graham Ward 1 (D) 202-724-8109 (fax) 202-724-8181 (phone) John A. Wilson Building, Suite 105 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004 <i>jim@grahamwone.com</i></p>	<p>After remaining noncommittal for a long time and not signing on to any bill, Mr. Graham conducted a Ward 1 town hall meeting in June 2005 and dramatically announced his support for a smokefree workplaces law at its conclusion. In a subsequent e-mail he wrote, "I will be supporting smoke free initiatives for workplaces. I do so for one basic reason: Secondhand smoke makes many people sick and some people die. This is first and foremost a health issue." He is a member of the Committee on Health, which is now considering the Department of Health Functions Amendment Act of 2005 (B16-293).</p>
<p>Vincent B. Orange Ward 5 (D) 202-724-8076 (fax) 202-724-8028 (phone) John A. Wilson Building, Suite 108 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004 <i>vorange@dccouncil.us</i></p>	<p>Mr. Orange has not co-sponsored or introduced legislation in 2003 or 2005. The Occupational Safety and Health Amendment Act of 2005 (B16-0193) was written to be considered by the Committee on Government Operations, which he chairs, but the bill was instead referred to Councilmember Schwartz's committee. Before the bill was introduced he sought, and obtained, exemptions for adult businesses and cigar bars. He spoke publicly in favor of smokefree workplace legislation for the first time at a September 2005 press conference, where he said he is firmly in favor of a comprehensive bill. He is a member of the Committee on Health, which is now considering the Department of Health Functions Amendment Act of 2005 (B16-293).</p>

SUPPORTERS OF THE CONCEPT, BUT WHO OPPOSE A COMPREHENSIVE BILL

<p>Marion Barry Ward 8 (D) 202-724-8055 (fax) 202-724-8045 (phone) John A. Wilson Building, Room 400 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004 <i>mbarry@dccouncil.us</i></p>	<p>Mr. Barry did not respond to Smokefree DC's 2004 council candidate questionnaire or other correspondence and did not sign on to any smokefree workplace legislation introduced in 2005. He has been quoted as saying that he thinks having smoking and non-smoking sections are an acceptable way to address the issue. At a recent hearing he said that he supported smokefree workplace legislation and wanted to work with the Council and businesses to come up with a compromise that would work.</p>
<p>David Catania At-Large (I) 202-724-8087 (fax) 202-724-7772 (phone) John A. Wilson Building, Room 110 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004 <i>dcatania@dccouncil.us</i></p>	<p>Mr. Catania was once a strong opponent of smokefree workplace laws and wrote a letter to the Board of Elections and Ethics warning that there would be "serious financial consequences" if the board were to approve a proposed smokefree workplaces measure for the 2004 ballot. He surprised many by co-sponsoring the Department of Health Functions Amendment Act of 2005 (B16-293) now being considered by the Committee on Health, which he chairs. In September, he held a hearing on the bill, and he has promised to hold a vote on it. Because of his actions, it is likely that the full Council will vote on a smokefree workplace bill by the end of 2005. He is moving the bill along but has said publicly that he is seeking a "compromise" – i.e., likely a weaker bill.</p>
<p>Anthony Williams Mayor (D) 202-727-0505 (fax) 202-727-2980 (phone) John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004 <i>mayor@dc.gov</i></p>	<p>In 2003, Mayor Williams came out against any form of smokefree workplace legislation. In spring 2005 he said he accepts that such legislation doesn't have negative economic impacts and he would support some type of smokefree workplace law. In July 2005, however, he said that he would support a measure that exempts cigar bars, pool halls, taverns and establishments "under a certain size" that was not defined. In August, he reiterated that he wants to exempt bars from any smokefree workplace measure. He could veto a comprehensive bill if passed by the Council.</p>

STRONG OPPONENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE BILL

<p>Carol Schwartz At-Large (R) 202-724-8071 (fax) 202-724-8105 (phone) John A. Wilson Building 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Room 105 Washington, DC 20004 <i>schwartzc@dccouncil.us</i></p>	<p>As chair of the Committee on Public Works and the Environment, Mrs. Schwartz blocked the Smokefree Workplaces Act of 2003 from coming to a vote. The Smokefree Workplaces Act of 2005 (B16-0187) and the Occupational Safety and Health Amendment Act of 2005 (B16-0193) were also referred to her committee and they too have been bottled up. Meanwhile, she has introduced a far weaker alternative bill (B16-0294) that would provide tax breaks to bars and restaurants that go smokefree voluntarily and charge higher fees to those establishments that continue to allow smoking. This would be difficult to administer, cost the city tax revenue, and leave many workers exposed to secondhand smoke. No other council member has co-sponsored this bill.</p>
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Smokefree DC (www.smokefreedc.org) is a non-profit, 501c(4) membership organization made up of Washington, DC residents and employees who believe everyone deserves to breathe clean, smokefree air. We support 100% smokefree environments for all workplaces, including offices, restaurants and bars, because no worker should be forced to breathe smoke on the job.