

FRIENDS OF THE DC ARCHIVES

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Candidates Asked to Support DC Archives

The Friends of the DC Archives (FDCA), a recently formed organization advocating for a state-of-the-art archives for the District, is asking the candidates in the November election to support the existing commitment for a new facility for the Office of Public Records to replace the dilapidated facility on Naylor Court, NW.

“FDCA wants to make sure the District gets a new facility, makes immediate, short-term improvements to the existing building and begins to carry out the mandate for good records management throughout the DC Government,” said Trudy Peterson, FDCA co-chair and a former head of the National Archives. “We need a well-functioning Archives to understand our history and to hold government accountable.”

FDCA is asking the candidates to support:

- **continued appropriate funding for the new facility for the Office of Public Records and its three divisions, in particular the DC Archives;**
- **suitable staff and resources for the care of the records at Naylor Court to assure access and preservation of recent records and historical treasures; and**
- **vigorous oversight of DC agencies to assure compliance with the mandate for good records management for all formats.**

FDCA is also reminding elected and appointed officials who are leaving office to preserve and transfer their official records to the DC Office of Public Records, as required by law.

The Friends of the DC Archives is a volunteer organization that advocates for a strong D.C. Archives that will preserve and make accessible D.C. records in all formats to ensure the accountability of its public officials and promote understanding of the history of the nation’s capital.