



*Think Jewishly. Act Locally.*

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*“A budget is a moral document.”  
– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Here in DC, we have no vote in Congress. And we’re all too used to being a punching bag for politicians nationwide who want to flaunt their anti-big-government bona fides.

**We are not a swamp to be drained.** But as long as that’s the attitude of the new White House administration, we need to prepare for possible cuts in federal funding. If we don’t, the District’s most vulnerable residents will lose access to critical programs they depend on.

**That’s why we’re calling on you, our District lawmakers, to spend our local money according to our values.** Our taxpayer dollars should be spent protecting the people who live, work, and raise families here. That means funding the following priorities:

1. **\$1.25 million to protect vulnerable tenants** from rent increases under the Elderly Tenants and Tenants with Disabilities Protection Amendment Act of 2016
2. **\$150 million for the Housing Production Trust Fund**, with at least half of the Trust Fund going to residents at 0-30% AMI
3. **\$7 million for tenant-based and \$7 million for project/sponsor-based Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP)**, so families can be taken off the DC Housing Authority waitlist and so very low-income residents have access to affordable apartments made possible by the Trust Fund
4. **Fully fund the Universal Paid Leave Act** start-up costs (\$40 million total) so 540,000 have access to paid family and medical leave
5. **Fully fund the NEAR Act** (\$26 million total)

**Shelter, security, safety, and community are fundamental human needs;  
these priorities are not discretionary.**

There is no reason why the DC budget cannot meet *all* District residents’ core needs. If the DC Council cannot find a way to fund these priorities, we strongly recommend reallocating the funds that would go to estate and business income tax cuts. They do nothing to benefit our economy and there is no reason to defend them while there is such great need.