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**Eric Holder Endorses Kevin Chavous as the
“Right Leader for this Moment,” Highlighting Need for Legal
Experience on DC Council**

WASHINGTON, DC — Kevin B. Chavous, Democratic candidate for At-Large Member of the DC Council, today announced the endorsement of former Attorney General of the United States Eric H. Holder, Jr.

Holder, who served as the nation’s 82nd Attorney General, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and Associate Judge on the DC Superior Court, called Chavous the leader the District needs on the Council as the city faces unprecedented federal interference.

Holder said: **“Washingtonians deserve leaders who understand that defending the rights of DC residents and protecting the District’s ability to govern itself are responsibilities that must be taken seriously. Kevin Chavous has demonstrated a deep commitment to public service and necessary change. He brings the legal judgment, integrity, and practical understanding of government that this moment demands.”**

Holder emphasized: **“Kevin is the only attorney in this race — a critical fact at this moment in our city’s history. At a time when the District continues to face serious legal and political challenges from outside interference, I am proud to endorse Kevin Chavous for At-Large Member of the DC Council.”**

Watch his full statement [here](#).

Holder, a longtime District resident and currently Chairman of the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, is one of the country’s most recognized leaders on civil rights, voting rights, and public service. His endorsement highlights Chavous’s unique qualifications for this moment: as the only attorney in the At-Large race, Chavous brings the legal grounding and institutional knowledge needed to defend the District’s interests and conduct rigorous oversight from day one.

Chavous called the endorsement a profound honor: **“Attorney General Holder has spent his career fighting for justice and for the District — as our U.S. Attorney, as a Superior Court judge, and as the nation’s chief law enforcement officer. As a member of the DC Bar with years of Council and party leadership behind me, I know what this work requires. Attorney General Holder’s endorsement is an honor I do not take lightly, and a standard I intend to meet every day on the Council.”**

Chavous brings deep experience in public policy and law to the race, including his work as Director of the Council’s Committee on Executive Administration and Labor and as Policy Director to outgoing At-Large Councilmember Anita Bonds, positions in which he helped shape legislation and guide oversight on some of the District’s most pressing challenges.

Holder’s endorsement is the latest in a series of high-profile endorsements for the Chavous campaign. In recent weeks, several sitting and former elected officials, city leaders, and community stakeholders have announced their support for Chavous, including Bonds — whose seat Chavous is running to fill — and former Ward 4 Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis.

DC voters will choose their Democratic nominee for At-Large DC Council on June 16, 2026. Kevin is listed eighth on the Democratic ballot, which registered voters have started to receive by mail.

For more information, visit www.ChavousforDC.com.

About Kevin B. Chavous, Esq.

Kevin B. Chavous is a native Washingtonian raised in a family and community grounded in education and service. A graduate of Gonzaga College High School and a proud "double Bison," Chavous earned his undergraduate degree cum laude from Howard University in 2006 and his Juris Doctor from Howard University School of Law in 2010. His early career included roles at Housing Counseling Services and AARP before entering private practice.

A member of the DC Bar since 2012, Chavous spent four years at the DC Council serving as Director of the Committee on Executive Administration and Labor and as Policy Director for Councilmember Anita Bonds. He has held numerous leadership roles in the District, including President of the DC Young Democrats, member of the Board of Directors of the United Planning Organization, and member of the DC Democratic State Committee. He has served as DC’s Democratic National Committeeman since 2022, earning more than 84,000 votes in a citywide election.

Chavous lives in Ward 7’s Penn Branch neighborhood with his wife, Ashley, and their two children.

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