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THE WASHINGTON TEACHERS' UNION ENDORSES VINCENT ORANGE FOR DC CITY COUNCILMEMBER AT-LARGE

"Vincent Orange Has Proven Experience, Integrity and Accountability."

Washington, DC - The Washington Teachers' Union (WTU) today announced that it has formally endorsed Vincent Orange for DC City Councilmember At-Large. His dedication to family, the community and most importantly, education were key factors in WTU's decision.

Orange has strongly advocated for children and teachers. He has a strong desire to provide every school age child with a solid educational foundation. As the former Ward 5 DC City Councilmember, he pushed for universal early childhood education for 3 and 4-year-olds to prepare them for kindergarten. He also introduced the "Educational Policies for 3rd and 8th Grade Students Act" in 2005 to ensure that students are able to read and understand the required fundamentals of mathematics.

A product of the public school system, Orange was a major proponent in the construction and programming at McKinley SHS and Noyes EC. He was also instrumental in the redevelopment of Turkey Thicket, Brentwood and North Michigan Park recreation centers. His wife, Gwen, is a dedicated DC public school teacher.

"We are confident that Vincent Orange's commitment to public service and ability to successfully collaborate make him an excellent choice for DC City Councilmember At-Large," stated WTU President Nathan Saunders. "His proven experience, integrity and accountability positively impacted our members and the community. He is an independent voice who will stand for education progress."

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