

Hello CD 14. I am Teresa **Y.** Hillery. I use my middle initial because **WHY** matters. So let me tell you **WHY** I'm running for office and **WHY** you should vote for me.

I believe we can have a District that's not just safer, cleaner, and greener, but one where every voice is heard, and every dream has the chance to flourish, including those dreams from our most vulnerable community, **Skid Row**.

About 20 years ago, I arrived in DTLA from Vacaville, CA, to start my legal career. But it was in the heart of Skid Row, at a church on 6th and San Pedro, where my true journey began.

There, amidst the struggles I saw and the stories I heard, I found my purpose. I've seen despair, but more importantly, I've witnessed hope and transformation. If we can dare to reimagine leadership, I believe we can make a remarkable difference in the lives of those impacted by homelessness. That's all of us. And I know we can do it.

My experience with the complexities of homelessness has been a driving force for years, leading me to advocate on Capitol Hill for Affordable Housing legislation and locally for tenant protections and mental health services. Tackling homelessness and affordable housing is my number one concern, as it is yours.

Jobs and transportation are connected to housing and homelessness. Small businesses are the backbone of our city, and we need for them to thrive. Workers are essential and we need for them to thrive too.

We need to streamline permitting and ease access to resources. We also need to ensure workers are paid livable wages; that there are jobs that don't just pay the bills but uplift lives for the well-being of every resident.

Public transportation and safety are also priorities. In 2020, I started riding the bus after an 18-wheeler totaled my car on Hwy 5. I solely rely on public transit because it's safer for our environment. We deserve a transportation system that's not only accessible but safe, ensuring that everyone, including pedestrians and cyclists, can reach their destinations without fear or delay. I will work on achieving this goal.

Transparency and accountability are non-negotiable. You will know where every dollar is spent.

I will work hand-in-hand with neighborhood councils and community leaders, making sure we know **WHY** at all times, because I believe your life is precious.

On March 5th, let's take the first step towards reimaging leadership. Vote Teresa Y. Hillery for your next City Councilmember! I appreciate you, CD 14. God Bless you.