

Flat Eleanor DC Supports DC Statehood!



Flat Stanley visits Antarctica

If you have children born after 1994, you may have heard of the [Flat Stanley project](#) based on the book [Flat Stanley](#). Kids send a paper cut-out of Flat Stanley to a school, family member, politician or anyone else. The recipients take photos with the little guy and return him to the sender with some information about themselves and where the picture was taken. In this simple, hands-on way, kids learn about our global community.

Meet Flat Eleanor DC!

Flat Eleanor DC can similarly help raise awareness about the disenfranchisement of DC residents. Here's what you can do!

- Cut out **Flat Eleanor DC** below.
- Take her to a special place in your neighborhood or on vacation and snap some photos.
- Send the photos to your friends and family.
- Add the photos to your social media with the hashtags **#FlatEleanorDC** and **#DCStatehood**.
- Email your photos to FlatEleanorDC@gmail.com.
- When you post or email your photos be sure to include the city and state where each photo was taken.
- You may also want to include:
 - Something about DC Statehood such as "I never knew that DC had more people than Vermont or Wyoming!"
 - A note about the photo such as "**Flat Eleanor DC** at my favorite restaurant."
- Send **Flat Eleanor DC** or this link to friends in other states or even other countries to take on their own adventures and help spread the word about DC Statehood!
- Follow **Flat Eleanor DC's** journeys at <https://www.nopenighbors.org/flat-eleanor>.



Who is Flat Eleanor DC?

[Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton](#) has represented the District of Columbia since 1991 as a non-voting delegate to the US House of Representatives. She has worked tirelessly to achieve Statehood for DC.

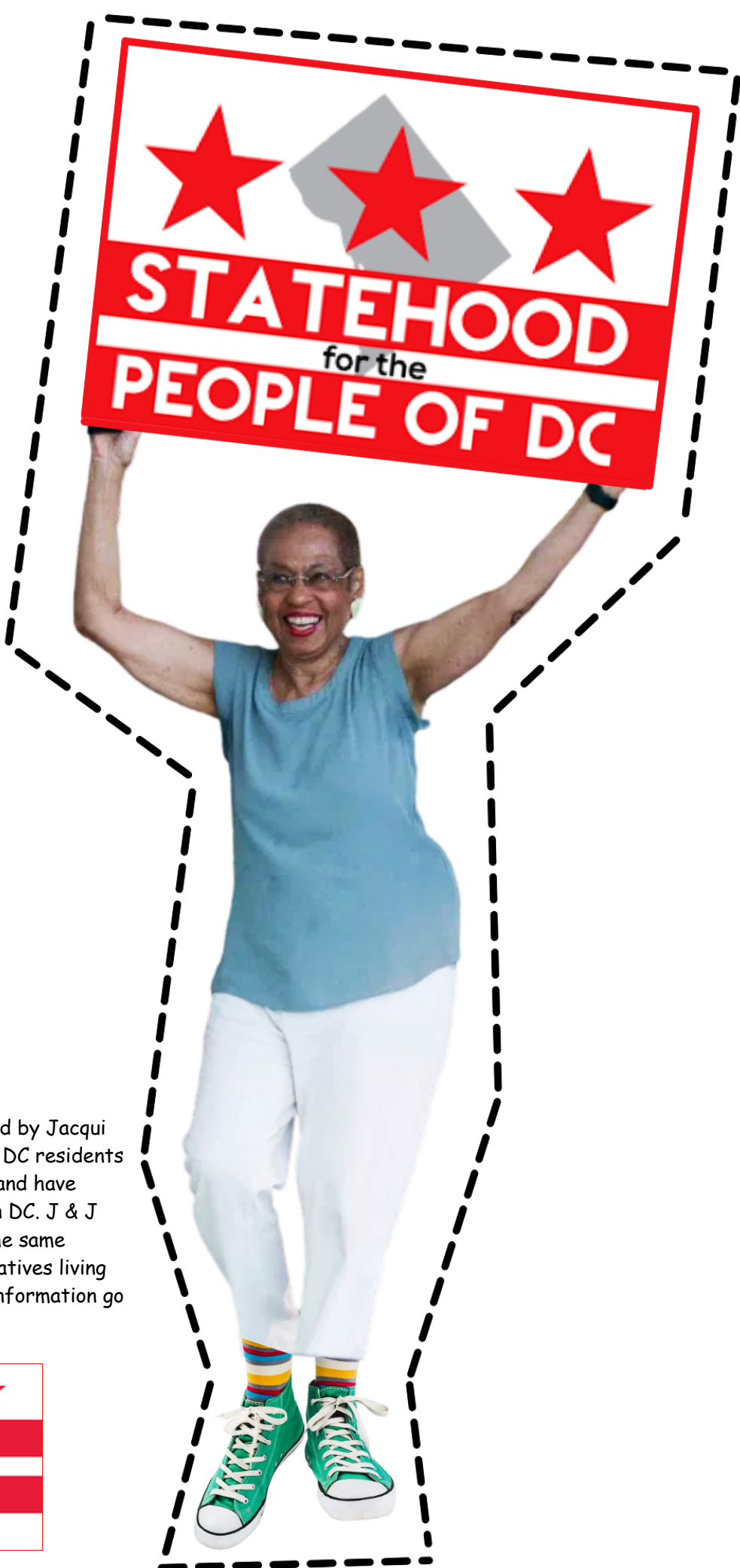
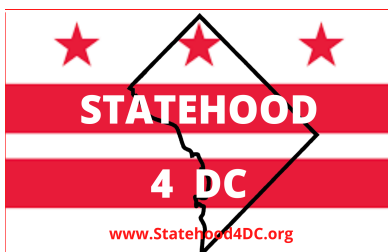
Flat Eleanor DC

Here's what you do:

- Print this page (it works best to print on thick paper but regular paper is fine too).
- Cut out **Flat Eleanor DC** along the dotted lines.
- **OR** if you don't have scissors handy, just print **Flat Eleanor DC** below:



Flat Eleanor DC was created by Jacqui and Joanna, who have been DC residents for a combined 70+ years, and have raised 5 native-born kids in DC. J & J believe they should have the same representation as their relatives living in other states. For more information go to www.statehood4dc.org.





A Bit About DC Statehood

When Should DC Become a State?

- **NOW!!** DC has waited 230 years; we cannot wait any longer.

Why Should DC Become a State?

- It's "**Taxation Without Representation.**" The 700,000 residents of DC (more than the populations of Vermont and Wyoming) pay federal taxes and serve in the military but lack full voting rights and have no voice in Congress.
- People in DC are just like other people across the nation! We are Americans who happen to [call DC home](#).
- Congressional members who are not elected by DC residents can - and do- nullify our local laws and even dictate how we spend our locally-raised taxes!
- The denial of voting rights for DC residents is a racial justice issue - we are, and have always been, a majority-minority city.
- More than 86% of DC residents voted for Statehood in 2016.
- We're the only democratic country in the world that does not allow its capital city citizens full representation - that's **EMBARRASSING!**

How Will DC Become a State?

- The same way the other states did (with the exception of the original 13 colonies) - by a **simple majority vote in each house of Congress** and signature by the President.
- The House of Representatives has already passed a Statehood bill - HR51 - twice! Now it's up to the Senate to pass its Statehood bill - S.51.
- S.51 already has 46 co-sponsors!

And, by the way, Does Statehood Require a Constitutional Amendment?

- **NO!!** The power to grant statehood belongs to Congress, as set forth in *Article IV, Section 3, Clause 1* of the Constitution.
- The Constitution sets only a maximum size (ten miles square) for the federal district. HR51 and S51 retain the federal district but shrink its borders (which Congress has done before) and turn the rest of the District of Columbia's neighborhoods into the 51st state.

For more information about DC Statehood:

- www.the51st.org
- www.DCvote.org
- www.51for51.org