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DC Democratic Party Establishes I83 Education Subcommittee
Dupont Circle Civic Association I83 Debate on Monday

At their monthly general body meeting on September 5, 2024, the DC Democratic Party voted to establish an education subcommittee to inform the public about Initiative 83.

“We are pleased to see the DC Democratic Party’s commitment to educating the public on this important ballot measure,” said Deirdre Brown, Chair of Vote NO on Initiative 83. “Though our organizations are distinct, we welcome the State Committee’s additional efforts to amplify the conversation around Initiative 83.”

The Vote NO on Initiative 83 campaign is set to participate in multiple debates and panel discussions throughout September. Their next appearance will be at an event hosted by the Dupont Circle Civic Association on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chastleton Ballroom, 1701 16th St NW.

On August 7, 2024, Brown filed a petition with the DC Court of Appeals (the Court) (Case No #24-AA-0720) asking it to review the DC Board of Elections’ (BOE) determination to certify Initiative 83 petitions for the November ballot. The case revolves around the proponents of I83 use of Wite-Out to alter petition pages and the policy and procedures used by the BOE that limited official ‘watchers’ full access to the BOE’s certification activities.

On August 30, 2024, the Court granted a motion by Brown, for an expedited review of BOE certification of Initiative 83 for the November ballot. The Court ordered the BOE to submit requested documents for the record by September 9, 2024.

“It will be interesting to see what is included in the record that BOE submits to the Court on Monday, especially since they have not issued an Administrative Order explaining the legal basis for their decision.”, said Brown.

I83 would bring ranked choice voting and partially open primaries to District elections.

Last fall, the D.C. Democratic Party filed a separate lawsuit in opposition to I83 being approved as proper subject matter by BOE. The case is before the D.C. Court of Appeals.

Paid for by Vote No on Initiative 83 | Neena Murphy Martin, Treasurer | Deirdre Brown, Chair | 14 Ridge Square, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20016. A copy of our report is filed with the Director of Campaign Finance of the District of Columbia Board of Election.