

Full-time

Councilwoman Ellen F. Robertson

“Getting the Right things Done the Right Way”

STAYING INFORMED




Work Done

Legislative Actions/Accomplishments

Sponsored Legislation for Richmond Public Education

- Provided for increased funding for operations and facilities at over \$40 million
- Built three new schools in the District- Oakgrove-Bellemeade, MLK middle school, New Preschool Center
- Provided funding to support PTA
- Supported the policy to recap all revenues from sale or lease of school building for schools
- Secured funding for a new Overby Sheppard school building
- Secured funding for major repair at Overby Sheppard to avoid closing this community school

Fought for Legislation for Improved and Increased Housing and Community Development

- Established RVA's first Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- Patron 30/30 housing policy to require 30% funding for families at 30% income level
- Secured density policy for increase in affordable dwelling units
- Created derelict building policy
- Pushed for tax incentives to increase new construction in conservation and rehabilitation communities
- Secured Senior Home Repairs through Rebuilding Richmond
- Secured tax relief for seniors and the disabled
- Ensured bonding to support development in Downtown and Manchester
- Fought for a tax delinquent housing redevelopment policy
- Increased communities built- Highland Grove, Seniors at 6Points, Chestnut at Matthews, Barton House, Mimosa Creeks, and Manchester and Downtown

Fought for Legislation against CRIME, Drugs and Incarceration

- Demolished and built new Justice Center
- Fought for and Chair Alternative to Incarceration Board reducing mass incarceration
- Pushed for Community Policing model in the City
- Created policy to remove open public street drug trading
- Provided funding for drug treatment with RBHA, Rubicon and Healing Place
- Created inmate job training /workforce placement with public /private partnerships

Created Legislation for COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING REDUCING POVERTY

- Patron and co-chair the creation of the MLW anti-poverty Community Wealth Building Commission
- Formed workforce innovation center - After school program for Middle School students
- Pushed the operation of public health clinic and housing advisors in RRHA communities
- Pushed the formation of high school navigators in all RPS high schools
- Ensured youth summer jobs

Provided Legislation for Park Funding

- Provided funding for Lousie Caine Park, Diversity Park, Ann Hardy Park new renovation
- Gained funding for Bellemeade renovation, full gym, basketball courts, and swimming pool
- Developed Cannon Creek East Course paved, lighted Bike and Pedestrian Trail
- Secured funding for Potterfield Memorial Bridge and miles of new bike lanes
- Provided funding for Hotchkiss renovation and new outside basketball courts
- Secured funding for James River Park/Brown's Island and renovation of Kanawha Plaza

Sponsored Legislation for Fiscal Accountability

- Pushed for Stormwater Projects quarterly report
- Pushed for Fiscal Impact and return on investment for all development proposals
- Pushed for better accountability of minority and section 3
- Pushed for better accountability on quarterly Reports of Retirement funds and monthly Financial Reports

Created Legislation for Economic Development - Revenue and Employment

- Required a citizen engaged 3 year economic development strategy
- Required a performance bond at \$500K
- Required return on investment analysis for all city fund investment
- Secured the North Ave, Meadowbridge and Hull Street Economic Development Zone
- Advocated for BRT and rapid transit for Jefferson Davis Highway
- Secured millions in new/expanded businesses and jobs in downtown
- Pushed for Arts/Tourism Zones

Created Legislation for Facilities and Infrastructure

- Provided for the largest lane mile paved in the 6th District
- Generated side walk study implementation in Bellemeade
- Ensured sidewalks repairs and trees grooming throughout the district
- Pushed for storm water drainage cleaning to be revisited
- Fought for Firehouse upgrades
- Pushed to build new Police Headquarters
- Ensured Library renovations in Downtown and on Hull Street



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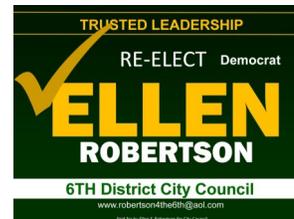
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On the reverse side is a summary of key legislation and accomplishments I have fought for and achieved as your representative on the Richmond City Council. To continue in leadership to move the City forward the following are my **Top Priorities**:

1. **Sustainable, accountable, effective Administrative Operation:** City employee turnover and vacancies contribute greatly to the City's poor operation and management. New policies and evaluations are needed for our new Mayor-strong government which hire, reward and sustain qualified staff to achieve the City's goals and expectations.
2. **Economic Development** must become our primary source of new revenue: Now is the time to ensure that Richmond is no longer the highest concentrated City of poverty in Virginia. Jefferson Davis Turnpike, Commerce Road and the Port of Richmond will be the regional connectors to economic commerce, creative workforce innovation, and quality inclusive community living. Our tolerance for blight and vacant parcels of land must be overcome through creative investment incentives. Fiscal strength and sustainability will be achieved not by being the highest taxed in the region, but by smart investment decisions yielding greater returns.
3. **Academic Achievement:** All of our children will be educated to the absolute best of their abilities. Uneducated children are our current and future parents of poverty. They could be in the pipeline to incarceration.
4. **Poverty Elimination:** Putting people to work, earning at-least a living wage, will address many of the City's problems. Providing safe, decent communities with access to opportunities will make Richmond the best and first place to call home.

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