

Mary Washington Announces Candidacy for Maryland's 43rd Legislative District
Will Focus on Improving Healthcare, Schools

Baltimore, Maryland, June 27, 2006. Calling for quality universal health care and a renewed commitment to improving our local schools and universities, community activist Mary Washington recently announced her candidacy for Maryland's 43rd Legislative District. In a late afternoon rally at Waverly Elementary School, Washington's supporters, friends, and family gathered to express their commitment to her campaign and HOME platform which centers upon the critical community issues of health, opportunity, mobilization, and education.

"I am honored that many of the community leaders which I have long-respected in Abell, Better Waverly, Ednor Gardens/Lakeside, and the larger community have come out to support me in my bid. It is your backing and support that have encouraged me to run for the House of Delegates this year, Washington said. "I sincerely hope that the citizens of the 43rd District will place their confidence and trust in me to represent them in Annapolis.

The announcement marked the official beginning of Washington's campaign, but it was the culmination of more than 10 years of dedicated service to the residents of Baltimore City. Washington's supporters heralded her emergence as a voice for the entire 43rd District as well as her platform: Health, Opportunity, Mobilization and Education. Baltimore City welcomes her message of ensuring accessible Healthcare for all City residents, broadening development and business Opportunities throughout our communities, improving community civic engagement and Mobilization with respect to locally-elected officials and local government services, and commitment to Education which will prepare all our children for the future. Mary Washington is committed to making HOME a reality for all Marylanders.

Mary Washington is the eldest of six children and the daughter of two health care workers. A longtime resident of Baltimore City, she understands the struggles of middle class and working poor families in this city. She is a vocal proponent of the benefits of preventative healthcare and wellness services in our community and improved education for Baltimore's children. As a former grade school teacher and president of the Abell Improvement Association, Washington has helped to improve facilities for our school children as well as reduce the amount of vacant and abandoned housing in our city. In addition, Washington has been a strong advocate on behalf of small and local businesses in their efforts to play a larger role in Baltimore's recent growth.

For more information on Washington's platform and upcoming events, please visit www.ElectMaryWashington.com. For a complete bio and photos of Mary Washington contact, Paul Eagle at (410) 821-8220.