

Mary L. Washington, Ph.D.
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Mary Washington was born in Philadelphia in 1962, and graduated from the Philadelphia High School for Girls (Girls' High.) The eldest of six children and the daughter of two health care professionals, Mary Washington is deeply committed to the health, education and welfare of our communities and public service. She worked her way through college delivering pizzas, loading UPS trucks and providing direct care and counseling services to adults with mental illness and developmental disabilities who were living in the community. Later, she went on to teach kindergarten in an inner city Catholic school.

Mary Washington earned a Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University in 1997 and taught sociology at Lehigh University. Dr. Washington brings to public service a highly informed approach to community organizing and progressive politics. She is a forceful advocate for livable wages, and fair elections that ensure all Baltimore citizens have an opportunity to vote and that their vote counts. In her professional life, Dr. Washington chooses jobs that enable her to create and lead programs that make a difference, including making the Baltimore Housing Department more responsive and accountable to the needs of city residents as its HousingStat Director. Most recently she served as the Interim Director of the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance.

Washington continues to show her dedication to educating our children by developing the welfare of our neighborhoods. Just last year, Washington served as construction captain to build "Our Playground at Stadium Place" on the old Memorial Stadium grounds. Presently, she is a member of the board of the newly created "Friends of the Playground," which will work closely with the YMCA to ensure that the playground facilities are properly maintained, safe and welcoming for the community. Additionally, Washington has restored the grounds at the Harwood Community Park and the Abell Community Open Space. She also serves on the Board of the Friends of the Enoch Pratt Library.

Now the principal of Whitmore Wallace Solutions, LLC, Mary Washington continues to use her skills and passion for improving communities by providing a wide range of professional management, research, training and consulting services to public and private organizations.

An active member of her church and local community boards, a loving daughter in a large family, a partner, and a woman with deeply committed values of fairness and social equality, Dr. Mary L. Washington is a tireless advocate, who has made Northern Baltimore a healthier, stronger and a more vibrant place for everyone.