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Patterson Assumes Position as D.C. Auditor

The Office of the District of Columbia Auditor is entering the New Year with new leadership. Three-term former D.C. Councilmember Kathy Patterson is now serving as the D.C. Auditor, leading an office tasked with financial and performance oversight of District of Columbia government agencies.

Nominated and confirmed to the independent position by the D.C. Council, Patterson was sworn in December 4 and took the reins on December 15, the first former Councilmember to hold this position.

"It's an honor and privilege to work on behalf of the Council and the community," Patterson said from offices at 717 14th St. NW. "I'm working with a capable and committed staff and I look forward to producing assessments that can have real impact on the way the government does business."

Patterson served on the Council from 1995 to 2007, including the tumultuous period of time when the District was nearing bankruptcy and worked its way to consecutive balanced budgets. She chaired the committees on Government Operations, Judiciary and Education, and was the author of major policies including smoke-free D.C., legislation governing police practices handling demonstrations, school modernization, and juvenile justice. Council reforms she initiated include the legislature's annual performance hearings, authorization for special investigations and a separate Council budget office.

"We have work underway today on charter school oversight, school construction, and performance in elections, and I look forward to sharing our findings with the Council and District residents in the months ahead, as well as undertaking additional audits that reflect Council and community priorities," Patterson said.

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