



DYANA FORESTER Pronounced ***DYAH-nuh FOR-ih-ster***

President of Metropolitan Washington Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Dyana Forester is a distinguished leader in the metropolitan area with nearly 20 years of diverse experience organizing workers and communities, leading legislative and political campaigns, and serving as an elected Official.

In July 2020, Dyana was elected to serve as the president of the Metro Washington Council, AFL-CIO, in the first contested election in living memory. During her tenure, she has assisted the affiliates of the council in securing worker protection throughout the pandemic and aided public sector unions in securing contracts.

Before being elected president, she served as the Director of Political & Community Affairs for the United Food & Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) Local 400 and led efforts to increase the minimum wage to \$15 an hour and expand paid sick days to private sector workers. She has been recognized for her tireless efforts, which contributed to the successful passage of the DC Paid Family Medical Leave.

In 2005, Dyana worked to organize Walmart workers to launch Walmart Workers of America and advocate for the passage of Maryland's Fair Share Healthcare Act. In addition to union organizing, she has worked in her own community to lead coalitions pursuing Community Benefits Agreements for responsible economic development and improving the quality of education in underserved communities.

Dyana has been appointed to executive committees throughout the region and received various awards for her achievements. In addition to her professional roles, she has been elected to serve two terms as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner and a delegate to the 2016 Democratic National Convention and a non-profit board.

Though Dyana may hold various titles, Proud DC Native and Mother of two amazing daughters have grounded her work and commitment to improving the quality of life for her children and her community.