

Access to Justice Social Media Toolkit

Facebook

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Twitter

For twitter, start each tweet by tagging your council member or policymaker. The tweets can also stand-alone without tagging your lawmakers.

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- 1) We are facing an unprecedented demand for civil legal aid services during #COVID19. That demand will continue to soar. Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request to meet the needs of DC residents. #DCciviljustice
- 2) Now more than ever, DC residents who are out of work are turning to the legal aid network for information, legal assistance and help to access benefits. DC needs to ensure they have access to justice. #DCciviljustice
- 3) We need to ensure that DC workers who are vulnerable to #COVID-19 due to pregnancy, age, and pre-existing conditions have access to legal aid for assistance with getting work accommodations or help with access to benefits. Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request.

- 4) #StayAtHome orders have caused a spike in the overall number of reported domestic violence cases. DC needs to help keep them safe. Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request. #Dcciviljustice
- 5) #COVID19 has complicated visitation and custody, as places where parents exchange children such as schools and day care centers remain closed. DC needs to help families resolve conflict. Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request.
- 6) Civil legal aid is critical to DC's recovery. Any cuts in funding will have a devastating impact on DC residents who will need help after #COVID19. Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request. #Dcciviljustice
- 7) If unemployment continues to rise many DC workers will need help navigating the unemployment compensation system and securing available benefits and protections – many for the first time in their lives. Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request.
- 8) DC residents that were once able to hire private attorneys to handle their cases will now turn to the legal aid network for services. We must provide adequate funding to meet the demand. Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request. #Dcciviljustice
- 9) For DC residents who had difficulty paying rent during #COVID19 will seek legal aid services to help with evictions, debt collection, and more. DC needs to help them access justice. Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request. #Dcciviljustice
- 10) Shelter in place orders are difficult on already strained relationships, legal aid lawyers predict there will be an increased demand for divorce, visitation and custody assistance. Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request. #Dcciviljustice
- 11) Legal aid lawyers ease the burden on the courts by either directly representing low-income residents or assisting and preparing pro-se litigants for court. #Dcciviljustice Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request.
- 12) The legal aid network that continues to provide access to lawyers at highly reduced or no cost will have more eligible clients due to COVID-19. Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request. #Dcciviljustice
- 13) There is no higher function of District government than to ensure that all of its residents, no matter their economic status, have equal access to justice. Secure funding for @DCATJComm FY21 budget request. #Dcciviljustice

14) THREAD:

- a) We are grateful to the Mayor for recognizing that access to civil legal services is a critical part of the District's recovery by funding the Access to Justice Initiative. #DCciviljustice **(1/4)**
- b) We ask the D.C. Council to secure the funding in the Mayor's budget devoted to the Access to Justice Initiative. **(2/4)**
- c) Protecting program funding will preserve critical resources needed to address the growing need for civil legal help post-COVID among District residents. **(3/4)**
- d) Civil legal help ensures that District residents are able to access the rights and benefits to which they are entitled -- particularly recent COVID-related protections established to protect District tenants and consumers. **(4/4)**

Instagram

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