

## Crucial civil legal services supporting safe, thriving communities

### 2,262+

WARD 2 RESIDENTS  
SERVED IN 2025

### 11%

WARD 2 POVERTY RATE  
- more than 1:10 residents  
cannot afford legal services;  
18% of households have  
incomes under \$50,000.

### 34%

WARD 2 HOUSEHOLDS  
WITH HIGH  
HOUSING COST  
BURDEN

Every day, Initiative-funded organizations provide legal help to low- and moderate-income Ward 2 residents on a wide range of legal issues. This includes:

- Free weekly legal clinic for **domestic violence** survivors at a Ward-2 medical clinic
- Monthly **legal clinics** at the MLK, Jr. Library
- **Know-your-rights trainings** and presentations at health clinics, and community locations - covering topics including child support, custody, domestic violence, debt collection, bankruptcy, and social security benefits
- **"Benefits check-ups"** to help seniors access benefits and economic security
- Support for low-income communities in Chinatown to **preserve affordable housing**
- Record-sealing workshop and other **pro bono partnerships** with District law firms
- **Ward 2-based primary office spaces** for a number of grantee organizations

### LEGAL HELP SUPPORTS:

#### Housing

Prevent foreclosures; preserve affordable housing; maintain safe housing conditions and prevent health care expenses; resolve eviction matters - often through settlements and payment plans

#### Stable Families

Help families resolve custody disputes; address intrafamily violence; secure child support; keep students in school; plan for emergencies; support reentering youth; help with guardianship and long-term planning

#### Economic Security

Help residents access public benefits and healthcare; combat fraud and illegal debt collection; protect employment rights and wages; preserve inter-generational assets - especially homes - through heirs property work

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