



## **Statement by Kent Boese on Victory Fund Endorsement**

*WASHINGTON, DC – Kent Boese, candidate for the D.C. Council Ward 1 seat, released the following statement on the decision by Victory Fund to endorse his campaign:*

“I am excited to receive Victory Fund’s endorsement of our campaign for the D.C. Council Ward 1 seat. As it stands currently, there are no openly LGBTQ members of the D.C. Council and while many members are supportive of LGBTQ causes, this is not enough. As the late Ward 1 Councilmember Jim Graham said, if you aren’t at the table, you are on the menu. We need to ensure that support to lift up our LGBTQ residents across the District means representation as well.

I look forward to working with all members of the LGBTQ community, as well as groups such as GLAA, the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, and Trans United to address the issues our community faces while advocating on behalf of all Ward 1 residents. With your support, we can make One Ward One a reality.”

“Victory Fund is pleased to endorse Kent Boese for the D.C. Council Ward 1 seat,” said Victory Fund President & CEO Annise Parker. “Kent’s commitment to smart public policy that addresses the real concerns of constituents makes him the best candidate for Ward 1. When he wins his primary in June and the general election in November, Kent will become a vital LGBTQ voice.”

Victory Fund provides campaign fundraising and communications support to LGBTQ candidates to increase the number of openly LGBTQ elected officials. Victory Fund was founded in 1991 by LGBTQ activists and donors who recognized the success of EMILY’s List at attracting attention and support for women candidates for public office. The founders understood that boosting the number of openly LGBTQ individuals in public office would be key to advancing equality. In creating Victory Fund, the founders set out to build a network of supporters who pledged to assist viable LGBTQ candidates endorsed by the organization.