

# DOUG SLOAN 2010

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1. Discuss what you have done or will do to work collaboratively with other elected officials on issues important to the Latino community. *If elected I plan to work with my congressional colleagues to enforce the civil liberties and rights of Latinos and other minority groups that are disenfranchised in DC, and I will fight public and private discrimination against immigrants in DC. We need to provide opportunities and programs for the Latino community so that they can strengthen their stake in the larger community.*
2. Describe what your policy agenda would be, including ways you would improve the economic and social condition of Latinos and their families, if elected. *In order to improve the socio-economic conditions of Latinos and all DC residents, I will focus on attaining more federal funding for education programs, job training, to support small businesses and to continue to support improved health care. Educational attainment levels within the Latino community are considerably lower than the rest of the country and through Charter Schools, opportunity scholarship programs, and better use of Head Start and Title 1 funding for Parent Partnership Programs, we can improve the educational system in DC and ensure a better future for our children. The higher than average percentage of Latinos working in industries such as service, production, construction and maintenance highlights the lack of a Latino presence in the professional arena, but through better adult education programs and vocational training, this too can be improved. If elected, I will support Health Care Reform and work to ensure full participation from the Latino community.*
3. What is your position on DC implementing the secure community program, and what is your position on comprehensive immigration reform. *The secure community program as I understand it is the program in which Congress provided the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with funding in FY 2008 to "improve and modernize efforts to identify aliens convicted of a crime, sentenced to imprisonment, and who may be deportable, and remove them from the United States once they are judged deportable." I support the current law in which the DC Police Department checks the immigration status of individuals who have committed serious felonies and the deportation of undocumented immigrants who have been convicted of serious crimes. But I do not support breaking up of families over something as simple as a misdemeanor. Regarding immigration reform, no one has all the answers but I do favor cracking down on companies that unfairly exploit Latino immigrants, identifying undocumented immigrants that want to return to their home countries but would like to return to the U.S. for work purposes, and to bring some of the manufacturing jobs that are shipped to places like China and India back to the U.S. to strengthen the U.S. economy and to expand our job market to provide job opportunities for all DC residents.*