

# Campaign Timeline

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- Bainum Family Foundation
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- Greater Washington Community Foundation
- Meyer Foundation
- Early Care and Education Funders Collaborative at Washington Area Women's Foundation

COVID-19 shutdown causes projected revenues to plummet by \$2 billion



Just Recovery DC coalition forms to ensure DC has adequate revenue to meet increased need during the pandemic

DCFPI/DC Action poll finds 83% of DC voters support raising taxes on the wealthy

DC Council votes down Councilmember Allen's measure to increase taxes on DC's wealthiest to raise revenue



**Council passes FY 2021 budget with no income tax amendment**



50 Just Recovery DC supporters testify against reinstating the Tax Revision Commission, seen as a tactic to delay tax increases

DCFPI begins to lay groundwork for 2021 -- developing messaging, data, and arguments showing that tax justice is racial justice

March

April

June

July

September

December

2020 >>>

>>> 2021 >>>

**Mayor releases FY 2022 budget**

June

DCFPI / DC Action poll on tax increase shows 4 out of 5 of DC voters continue to support raising taxes on the wealthy

Just Recovery organizes almost 50 supporters to testify at COW hearing in support of raising revenue. DCFPI helps supporters prep testimony with toolkit and office hours

DCFPI dispels the tax flight myth and supplies Councilmembers with data on income and migration by race and ethnicity

Just Recovery collaborates with housing and early education partners to determine new revenue funding priorities

Fair Budget Coalition & Just Recovery publish [Tax Platform](#) with FY 2022 tax equity and revenue demands

DCFPI releases two videos on tax equity to educate the public and rally support before the first budget vote



Councilmembers Allen, Lewis George, and Nadeau co-introduce amendment to increase taxes on DC's wealthiest. Amendment passes 8-5

July

DCFPI organizes advocates' letter to Mayor urging equitable & strategic use of ARP funds

DCFPI makes the case for raising taxes on the wealthy at Councilmember McDuffie's hearing on wealth taxes

May

Just Recovery DC organizes the People's Hearing on Revenue with testimonies from directly impacted residents & over 70 attendees

**In the FY 2022 budget season, Just Recovery DC campaign partners drove 175 calls and 1,463 emails to lawmakers.**

April

Just Recovery DC hosts Tax Justice Teach-In, training more than 50 supporters on tax equity

March

DCFPI publishes report showing DC's wealthiest pay lower taxes than everyone else

DCFPI kicks off legislative campaign for tax justice, cultivating champions and supporters on DC Council

February

DCFPI hires Just Recovery Organizer to recruit individuals and organizations to the campaign

**DC Council unanimously approves FY 2022 budget, including amendment raising taxes**



August

**Just Recovery DC WINS \$170 million in new annual local revenue**

Which will fund:

- Housing for 2,500 households
- Equitable pay for early childhood educators
- Expanded EITC, making it the strongest in the nation

