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DC Greens Announces Eric Angel, Poverty Lawyer and Civil Rights Champion, As Next Executive Director

Washington, D.C. (July 9, 2024) — DC Greens, a leading nonprofit dedicated to advancing health equity and improving food access in D.C., has named Eric Angel as its next executive director. Angel, a seasoned nonprofit leader, joins the organization after a decades-long career leading justice-related causes.

Angel will assume the role at the end of July.

"We are thrilled to welcome Eric to DC Greens," stated Dominique Hazzard, DC Greens board co-chairperson. "Eric brings decades of experience working to create systemic change in the District. He is a thoughtful and grounded leader whose approach will position DC Greens to continue advancing health equity for years to come."



Angel arrives at DC Greens following his tenure as chief of staff at the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), the civil rights agency within the U.S. Department of Labor that works to protect workers, promote diversity, and enforce the anti-discrimination laws against federal contractors, who make up 20% of the economy. Before his tenure at OFCCP, Angel served as senior policy advisor for Bruce Spiva during Spiva's campaign for D.C. attorney general.

"It is an honor to have been selected to lead DC Greens, an organization on the forefront of the Food Is Medicine movement," stated Angel. "I have long believed that access to healthy food is a human right."

Angel's commitment to anti-poverty and racial justice is reflected in his long tenure at Legal Aid DC, where he served first as legal director and later as executive director.



There, Angel helped make justice real in individual and systemic ways for persons living in poverty in D.C.

Before arriving at Legal Aid DC, Angel served as an associate counsel to former President Bill Clinton, worked as a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, and clerked for the Honorable Raymond J. Dearie of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. He earned degrees from Yale College ('89) and Yale Law School ('93) and has served as an Adjunct Professor at The George Washington University Law School since 2008, where he continues to inspire future generations of public interest lawyers.

Angel has been recognized nationally and locally for his work. In 2012, he was honored with the John Minor Wisdom Award from the American Bar Association's Section on Litigation for his outstanding contributions toward attaining justice for underrepresented populations. In 2010, he was awarded the Scoutt Prize from the DC Bar Foundation for his compassionate advocacy on behalf of clients.

This year DC Greens is celebrating 15 years of working to improve food access in the District. They do this work by piloting innovative program models that have the potential to improve the local food system, advocating for city-wide policy solutions, and partnering with local residents, advocates, and organizations to improve access to quality, affordable, healthy food in D.C.

Current DC Greens programming includes their award-winning Produce Prescription ("Produce Rx") program, and The Well at Oxon Run, a one-acre educational farm and community wellness space in Southeast D.C.

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About DC Greens

DC Greens advances health equity by building a just and resilient food system. Founded in 2009, our vision is a capital city in which health equity is a central value, healthy food is a human right, and all residents have the resources to shape and control policies and programs for their own communities. Learn more at <https://dkgreens.org/>.