## Issues of Importance to District of Columbia Adults Age 45+

### Health Care
- Staying mentally sharp: 96%
- Staying physically healthy: 94%
- Adequate health insurance coverage: 94%
- Medicare benefits available in the future: 88%
- Paying for health care expenses: 83%
- Paying for prescription drugs: 76%

### Economic/Financial
- Having enough income or savings to retire: 91%
- Adequate Social Security benefits: 88%
- Protection against unfair financial practices: 82%
- Protection against consumer fraud: 81%
- Being able to stop working for pay at the age you want: 79%
- Protection from age discrimination: 74%

### Independent Living/Long-Term Care
- Having high quality long-term care: 84%
- Getting to the places you need to go independently: 83%
- Caring for a loved one: 81%
- Staying in your own home as you get older: 79%

“For the following list of issues, please indicate how important each is to you personally.”
% “extremely important” or “very important”
Interviews were conducted with 704 residents of the District of Columbia by landline (55%), cell phone (33%), and online (13%) between September 30, 2021 and October 12, 2021.

Age
- 45 to 49: 15%
- 50 to 64: 42%
- 65+: 43%

Education
- Some college or less: 41%
- 4-year college degree: 21%
- Post-graduate study or degree: 38%

Employment
- Full-time: 37%
- Part-time: 6%
- Retired: 43%

Gender
- Female: 55%
- Male: 45%

Marital Status
- Married/ living with partner: 38%
- Divorced/ separated: 15%
- Widowed: 10%
- Never married: 37%

Race/Ethnicity
- Black/ African American: 57%
- White/ Caucasian: 38%
- Other: 5%

Annual Household Income
- Less than $50,000: 33%
- $50,000 to less than $100,000: 22%
- $100,000+: 35%

Political Views
- Conservative: 16%
- Moderate: 34%
- Liberal: 42%

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