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**COUNCILMEMBER CHEH INTRODUCES NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE  
LEGISLATION**

***BILL WOULD REFORM ELECTORAL COLLEGE SYSTEM TO MAKE EVERY  
VOTE EQUAL***

(Washington, DC) Councilmember Mary M. Cheh (Ward 3) introduced legislation today that seeks to change the way the District awards its electoral votes. The National Popular Vote Interstate Agreement Act of 2010 would end the current state-by-state “winner-takes-all” approach, and ensure that the presidential candidate who wins the popular vote in the 50 states and the District of Columbia would win the necessary electoral votes to become President.

Similar legislation has been enacted by 5 states, and is being actively considered in 14 other states. If enough states collectively possessing a majority of the electoral votes pass this legislation, then the nation’s popular vote would determine the outcome of the election.

“The idea behind the National Popular Vote is a simple one: A vote for President should count equally regardless of where that vote was cast,” said Cheh. “The weight of a vote should not matter whether a person is a citizen of a ‘battleground’ or a ‘swing’ state. What should matter is that the person is a citizen of the United States.”

Councilmember Cheh expects to hold a hearing on the legislation on May 19, 2010. A copy of the legislation can be found on Councilmember Cheh’s website at <http://npv.marycheh.com>.

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