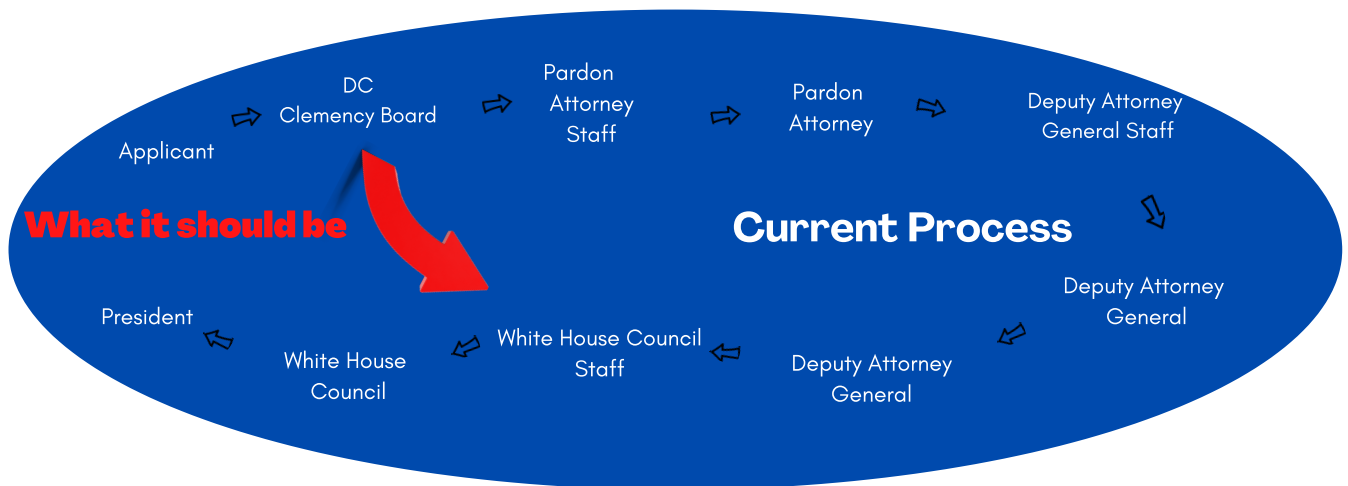


# THE PROBLEM WITH CLEMENCY IN DC

Only 1 DC inmate has been granted clemency since 1989.



THE DC CLEMENCY BOARD WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE THIS PROCESS EASIER FOR DC RESIDENTS, BUT IT DOESN'T.



RIGHT NOW, THE BOARD IS ONLY ABLE TO GIVE RECOMMENDATIONS, LEAVING THE APPLICATIONS LOST IN THIS VERY LONG PROCESS AGAIN.



DC DESERVES TO BE HEARD. WE DESERVE MORE POWER IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM!

## WE NEED YOU: COPY AND PASTE THE ATTACHED COMMENTS TO THESE REGULATIONS

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*Submit all or part of the comments below at <https://www.dcregs.dc.gov/Common/NoticeDetail.aspx?NoticeId=N111319>. You can add a personal statement about why clemency is important to you, or paste them in as written.*

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Residents of the District of Columbia want the Clemency Board to be a voice for the community and share values and priorities for clemency and supporting incarcerated residents and returning citizens. We recommend the following changes to the proposed clemency regulations:

1. Edit the proposed rules so that the DC Clemency Board will send clemency recommendations directly to the President of the United States as well as the Office of the Pardon Attorney. This is what the statute requires. Otherwise, DC applications may get stuck with the DOJ.
2. Rewrite the rules so DC applicants need not complete DOJ's application in order to be considered for clemency. The DOJ application is written for people convicted in federal court.
3. The regulations should remain silent about the form of applications. This way, the Board will remain nimble enough to respond to a President's decision to grant DC applicants the same opportunity for clemency and pardon that they would receive if DC were a state.[ET2]

Sincerely,

Your Name  
Your DC Ward

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