Call for Submissions: 
Washington History Magazine’s Edition on DC Home Rule

To mark 50 years since the 1974 ratification of the DC Home Rule Act by the residents of our nation’s capital, Washington History magazine—the flagship publication of the DC History Center—will publish a commemorative issue in fall 2024 focused on themes of autonomy, statehood, and self-governance since the District of Columbia’s founding.

This Home Rule–inspired issue will assess the history of advocacy and activism that has fueled DC’s long struggle for political autonomy and evaluate the effectiveness of Home Rule over the past half-century. We invite submissions that approach these topics in different ways.

We welcome:

- Longer, thesis-driven analyses or descriptive articles (2,500 – 6,000 words)
- Shorter reflections and accounts (1,500 words or less)
- Photo collections with brief contextual essays (2,500 – 3,000 words)
- Brief features on significant primary sources (“Teachable Moments,” 1,400 words or less)
- Short spotlights of related people or places of interest (1,400 words or less)

Submission Deadlines

- Proposals for all types of submissions: November 17, 2023 (not mandatory but highly encouraged)
- Final submissions due: January 31, 2024

Submissions from or centering members of underrepresented communities are highly encouraged.

Washington History is a fully illustrated, semiannual, peer-reviewed magazine published by the DC History Center that features articles on the history of the Washington, DC metropolitan area for an audience of scholars, students, and the general public.

Have something to say about Home Rule in DC? Submit your manuscripts or ideas to editor@dchistory.org today!

To learn more, consult the submission guidelines here: