



Friday, March 6, 2026

## BACKGROUND

### ***Star Community Servant Margaret Mubanda to Run For Imagine Surrey***

#### **Margaret Mubanda – Imagine Surrey City Council Candidate 2026**

Dr. Margaret K. Mubanda is a long-time resident of Surrey Centre, a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother, and visionary leader on issues of social and economic justice, equality and community service.

In 2020, Dr. Mubanda received the *YWCA Women of Distinction* award (as a *Community Champion*), in recognition of her passion and expertise on poverty reduction strategies for children who age-out of government care at age 19. Four years later, Margaret received BC's *Medal of Good Citizenship Award* for her generosity, kindness and commitment to the common good of our province. In 2025, she received honourable mention for *Volunteer of the Year*, City of Surrey, and an honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Canada West.

Margaret serves on the *Livability, Social Equity and Public Safety Committee* for the city, working on issues around safe, secure and livable/complete communities, as she will during her Imagine Surrey city council candidacy. She also served as president of the provincial riding association formerly known as Surrey-Whalley, for former MLA Bruce Ralston. Margaret is nominated for the 2026 *100 Accomplished Black Women Award*, recognizing recipients who excel and create deep social impact in their communities. She served our province as a resource social worker with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, for 21 years, and is currently employed by Valley View Funeral Home and Cemetery as a community liaison who facilitates trauma group-support. Margaret owns a small business – 'Kaka Healing Stories' – in Surrey, where she has given back to others for over 20 years.

Prior to immigrating to Canada in 1991, Margaret served as Deputy Headmistress at an elementary school in Uganda where she taught for 13 years. She was motivated to get involved in education as an elementary school teacher due to the injustice, inequalities and poverty she witnessed at an early age -- believing that no child or family should live in poverty, be ignored, or get left behind.

Margaret's volunteer and community engagement extends far beyond the workplace. She has served and worked with various groups to build strong and vibrant Black Communities in BC and across Canada. Margaret believes without exception that the African-Canadian community in BC is overflowing with capable, creative, skilled and knowledgeable citizens who need to take their place more routinely in community leadership, and government, across Canada.

Margaret is a co-founding member and former president of the *Daughters of Hope Society of BC*, and a member of *Uganda Peace and Reconciliation of BC*. She is co-founder of the *Aboriginal International Mission* and served as an active member of the *Surrey Poverty Reduction Coalition Committee* for over 10 years. Importantly, Ms. Mubanda was a dedicated foster parent for 15 years and serves on the BC Government Retired Association/Surrey-Langley Chapter, *Council of Senior Citizens Organization of BC*.