Our Revolution Maryland (OR-MD), Baltimore City
Candidates Questionnaire

1. Please state the position you are running for. How does your experience, along with your life experiences, qualify you for the position?

2. What will be the principles or values that guide your public service?

CIVIL RIGHTS

3. Do you support the Trust Act? (Legislation that prevents a State/local Government Agent from using public resources for civil immigration enforcement; prevents law enforcement officials from stopping, arresting or detaining an individual simply to find out immigration or citizenship status; prevents the State from creating a registry for the purpose of immigration enforcement, and prevents state law enforcement officers from being deputized as immigration officers)
a. Yes
b. No
Explanation:

4. Do you support Gov. Hogan's executive order to bar state business with companies that boycott Israel, that is, his order opposing BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions)?

5. Are you in favor of Baltimore's sanctuary city status?

6. How would you advance racial justice and social equality in Baltimore City?

EDUCATION

7. Baltimore city has a persistent problem of budget shortfalls (i.e., lack of needed funding) for its public schools. How do you propose to address this?

8. Do you support legislation providing free tuition at community colleges, vocational and trade schools and will you commit to using new tax revenue from those sectors better able to afford it?
a. Yes
b. No
Explanation:

9. There is a deeply concerning persistent achievement gap in Maryland public schools that affects a large number of students in economically disadvantaged communities and minority communities. What will you do to help close that gap?

10. How would you improve Baltimore public schools?

HEALTH CARE

11. Do you support a Maryland single-payer universal health care system, in absence of a national plan, to establish a single standard of quality, therapeutic care to all residents in the state? What do you see as the greatest obstacles to enacting single-payer health-care legislation in Maryland? If you favor such a plan, what can you do to overcome those obstacles?

a. Yes

b. No

Explanation:

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

12. What is your position on the bail reform imposed by the Maryland Court of Appeals? Do you support eliminating money bail, or other reform to prevent having anyone spend time in jail solely because of inability to pay bail?

a. Yes

b. No

Explanation:

13. What actions should be taken to address police violence and the constitutional rights violations of the Baltimore Police Department in the recent Department of Justice report?

14. How will you de-escalate the recent surge in violence in Baltimore?

ENVIRONMENT

15. How would you help move Maryland to a 50% clean energy economy by 2030?

16. How would you help move Baltimore to a 100% clean energy economy by 2035?

17. The city of Baltimore and surrounding communities face great environmental challenges, from aging sewer systems and subsequent runoff into the Chesapeake Bay, to superfund sites like the 68th Street Dump and lead paint in homes. What are some of your ideas for addressing the unique environmental challenges in our city and state?

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

18. Do you support raising the minimum wage to $15 per hour?

a. Yes

b. No

Explanation:

19. What is your position on unionization?

20. Municipal water and sewage rates have more than tripled for Baltimore residents since 2000 and continue to rise in the face of huge costs for infrastructure updates and repairs. Do you support legislation

to cap water and sewage rates for low-income households in the Baltimore area, based on their ability to pay?

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

21. Will you support legislation for Small Donor Matched Public Financing of elections?
a.   Yes
b.   No
Explanation:

22. Will you make a pledge to run without corporate and developer money in your campaign?

23. Will you support the legislation by Wolf-PAC/GMOM (Get Money Out of Maryand) to call for an Article V convention to get money out of politics?

HOUSING

24. Do you support the 20/20 Vision for Baltimore City (See: http://www.unitedworkers.org/20_20)?

25. (Rent Court Reform) The Baltimore Sun recently affirmed that "The rent court system routinely works against tenants, while in many cases failing to hold landlords accountable." A reform bill agreed to by many landlords and tenants passed last year in the Maryland House, but was blocked by the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. What specific actions will you take to ensure Rent Court reforms are enacted?

26. What other solutions do you have to alleviate Baltimore's housing crisis? Baltimore City faces a rising population of homeless individuals, and a paradoxically large number of vacant houses (16% of the city's homes according to the US Census Bureau). According to the Baltimore Sun, approximately 25% of Maryland renters spend 50% of their household income on rent. What can be done to make housing more affordable and fill vacant properties?

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC SECURITY

27.   While there are undoubtedly a wide range of policies you might wish to propose that you have not discussed above, what would be one or two additional policies or programs in particular that you will put forward that you would especially want to highlight – policies which you believe will create economic opportunity, employment, address income inequality in Maryland, assist low and middle income people in Maryland, bring social services to needy communities or create greater economic security for seniors?

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

28. Do you feel that the city of Baltimore needs to improve in accountability and/or transparency? If so, what are some of your ideas for improving both?

TRANSPORTATION

29. Do you support the development of the Red Line? If not, what alternatives would you support to improve public transportation in the Baltimore area?

Please certify by signing below that the above or attached answers reflect your policy views.

Print your name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____