

### Individual Candidate

What have you done professionally or as an activist that qualifies you for public office and that might stamp you as a candidate whom Our Revolution Montgomery members would want to support? **I have served on 9 boards and commissions, including my homeowners association and my church council. When it comes to making sure Rockville is home, my work on the Rockville Housing Enterprises speaks to my dedication to people-centered solutions to create thriving communities.**

### Affordable Housing

- Low income renters and/or renters of color are at the greatest risk of being evicted, priced out of Rockville, and have the least access to newly created housing. If diversity and equity is important to you, what specific housing policies will you support to preserve community stability, ensure equity of housing access, and help residents of color and low-income residents prosper? **I served on the Rockville Housing Enterprises Board and voted to purchase Fireside Park Apartments to keep 236 units affordable, I also voted to purchase 4 scattered sites for people with limited income. I am an advocate for housing affordability.**
- What specific policies measures will you support to incentivize developers to create affordable housing for low to moderate income renters? **As developments come online, I will advocate for an increase in the number of affordable units. As an elected official, I will work with staff to come up with developer incentives to encourage developers to build housing that is affordable in Rockville.**
- Did you vote for / do you support approval of the Twinbrook Crossing development? (Yes/No); Explain? **Yes, I voted for Twinbrook because that development is an investment for all of Rockville.**
- What do you think should be done with the former Red Gate Golf Course land? **I have advocated for affordable housing. As a governing body we are exploring veteran housing and personally, I would like to see a festival arena to increase our tax base and for families to enjoy the Redgate property.**

### Inclusive Government/ Democracy

- Do you support increasing the number of council seats to reflect the growing city's population? If so by how many? **Yes, I put increasing the councilmembers to 6 on our agenda. Unfortunately, the motion died 2 to 2. We have been at 4 councilmembers since 1888 and Rockville has grown and become more diverse. It is important to me to harness that diversity and utilize all the talent and diverse culture in Rockville.**
- Currently the Mayor holds the power to select members to Rockville boards and commissions. Would you change this selection process? If so, what do you propose? **Yes, there is a tremendous backlog of appointments to boards and commissions. As Mayor I propose that councilmembers also appoint councilmembers.**
  - Please highlight any measures you think will ensure greater representation from communities of color and lower income communities? **We need to go into these communities, attend civic and homeowner associations so that all residents in Rockville feel a part of our process. There are areas that feel neglected and I will be going into those areas.**
- Did you vote for / do you support vote by mail for Rockville? (Yes/No); Explain? **Yes, our vote by mail election will make it easy for residents to cast their vote and be a part of our election process. They will not have to worry about going early and being late for work or getting off from work late and missing the poll hours.**

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- Do you support public financing of municipal elections to better enable people from diverse backgrounds to run for office? (Yes/No); Explain? **Public financing gives people with limited income an opportunity to participate in our election process and it eliminates the stress of big developer contributions.**

### Environment

- Do you support the Montgomery County's Climate Emergency Resolution (2017), which will transform the climate by reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2027 and reaching 100% elimination by 2035, and initiate large-scale efforts to remove excess carbon from the atmosphere? **Yes**
- Do you support Montgomery County's Zero Waste Plan, which will strategically evaluate the County's actions and investments over the next 20-plus year period to maximize waste reduction, reuse/repair, recycling, and sustainable management of materials? (Yes/No); Explain? **Yes, supporting the Montgomery County Zero Waste Plan is essential to saving our environment.**

### Economy

- Over the past years many small businesses have been priced out of Rockville Town Center and have been replaced by larger corporations and national franchises. What policy measure(s) can you take to ensure the Town Center develops in an equitable manner and supports local small business entrepreneurs? **As a councilmember, I voted to help Dawson's Market survive in Town Center. I will continue to work with Rockville Economic Development Inc. and the Chamber to foster and include small businesses.**
- Would you support legislation that strengthens the development of Rockville business co-ops? **Yes**
- Do you support creating and/or expanding publically owned utilities in order to lower the cost of living in Rockville? **I would be will to consider anything that will assist with the cost of living; however, I don't have a strong opinion at this time. I would need to do additional research on this question.**
- Do you support municipal, public sector workers and their right to organize and form a union? **Yes**

### Healthcare

- Do you support a national single payer healthcare system? (Yes/No); Explain? **Yes, while we have no authority to enact a single payer healthcare system, I think it is long overdue in this Country.**
- What measures, if any, do you support to increase access to affordable quality care for all Maryland residents? **Unfortunately, at this point my only way to support this is to lobby in Annapolis.**
- Do you support Rockville passing a resolution or proclamation in support of Medicare for All? (Yes/No); Explain? **Yes, I have been working with Dr. Laura Kaplan Kaplan-Weisman to get a proclamation on the Rockville agenda.**

### Racial Equity

- Do you support the Montgomery County's effort to develop a Racial Equity and Social Justice Policy? **Yes**
- What does your vision of a racially and economically equitable Rockville look like? **Having a Mayor who works with everyone, who seeks consensus while leading and who believe that Rockville should take a backseat to no one.**
  - What are the greatest barriers to achieving your vision? **Having a full Mayor and Council who believe in racial equity and social justice policies.**

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- What policy measures do you support to achieve a racially and economically equitable Rockville? **Including and harnessing all the diversity Rockville has to offer.**

### Education

- Do you support the county's reevaluation of existing school and cluster boundaries as a measure to address racial and socioeconomic segregation and disparities in our public schools? (Yes/No); Explain? **I support looking into the evaluation and exploring other ways to address racial and socioeconomic segregation and disparities in public schools.**

### Criminal Justice

- Would you support legislation that ensures civilians are active participants in police trial boards, including creation of civilian review authorities? **Yes, if the courts are involved. Rockville doesn't review major crimes.**
  - What policies should be implemented to ensure a full review for excessive use of force? **Rockville already has an internal affairs division and we have a process in place to review excessive force. I believe anyone committing a crime should be investigated, police office or not.**
- Have you supported or do you support the Fostering Community Trust ordinance, which restricts City of Rockville employees, including police officers, from requesting immigration status of any person unless required by law? **Yes, I voted for this ordinance along with Councilmembers Mark Pierzchala and Julie Palakovich Carr who is now Delegate Palakovich Carr. The motion passed 3 to 2.**

### Additional

- Do you oppose the expansion of I-270 and the Beltway? (Yes/No); Explain? **Yes, I was at the first community meeting opposing the I270 widening and voted for the Rockville Mayor and Council to send a letter to the state opposing this widening.**
- What measure(s) can address traffic congestion? **Widening I-270 from Clarksburg to points North and increasing public transportation. We need mass transit to alleviate traffic congestion.**

### Final Remarks

- Is there one policy initiative you support that you would like to point to, in particular, as evidence that your priorities align with ours and give a final summation of why Our Revolution Montgomery County should endorse you? **My record of affordable housing. I have advocated, worked with RHE and will continue to support housing that is affordable in Rockville.**