

Our Revolution Maryland

Congressional District 7 Questionnaire

1. Why are you running for Congress?

I want to represent our district well and fight for the resources that we need to improve quality of life and raise wages. I seek to honor the legacy of my predecessors and all those involved in the struggle for human rights with my advocacy.

2. Do you support H.R.1384 - Medicare for All Act of 2019? Please explain your answer.

Yes. Healthcare is a human right and Medicare For All is the best, most efficient, and most encompassing means of providing healthcare for everyone.

3. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change we now have less than 11 years left to make sweeping social and structural changes to avert the worst of the climate crisis. How will you address this emergency? Be specific and address the following

a. Do you support a Green New Deal as outlined in H.Res.109?

Yes!

b. Do you support holding fossil fuel companies accountable?

Yes!

c. How will you provide for a just transition for fossil fuel workers?

Tuition-free trade schools and plans to move them into beekeeping, solar panel manufacture, and other green jobs.

d. Please discuss the importance of climate justice for frontline and vulnerable communities.

Environmental racism has worsened air and water quality in Baltimore City and allowed lead to poison our youth. A Green New Deal and infrastructure investment can fix these problems.

4. What steps do you propose to reduce the power and influence of large corporations and wealthy people over every aspect of life in America?

Charging higher taxes on the 1% and major campaign finance reform, including public financing of elections.

5. What are the three biggest challenges facing your district and how do you realistically believe that we can address each one successfully?

Lack of job opportunities, need for federal investment in infrastructure and public transportation, and addressing the underlying symptoms of crime. Federal investment and progressive public policy can work to heal our district.

6. How would you address racial justice? Be specific and address the following:

a. Criminal justice reform, including justice for people currently or previously incarcerated as a result of the war on drugs

Legalize and expunge for marijuana-related convictions in the past. Ban facial recognition software and military equipment from police departments. Fund community courts.

b. The racial wealth gap

I am a strong supporter of HR40, to study the implementation of reparations for the descendants of the enslaved. I also support measures to raise wages, lower the cost of living, and improve education and health outcomes for Black folks.

c. Systemic inequities such as education, healthcare or housing

We need money for schools. We need Medicare For All. We need a Green New Deal to build quality housing for all.

d. Voter suppression

Expand the Voting Rights Act to make the right to vote inalienable for all, including the incarcerated. Ban voter ID laws and other means of blocking democracy.

7. What are some policies you would support to improve gender equity, including for trans and non-binary people?

Expand the Civil Rights Act to cover LGBTQ and gender non-binary folks. Promote transparency in wages and end wage discrimination. Medicare For All will cover gender reassignment surgery.

8. What is the most progressive legislation that you have sponsored or worked actively for, either as an elected official or as an activist?

I have supported legislation for universal healthcare for years, along with criminal justice reform, wage increases, and anti-corruption legislation.

9. What legislation will you support or introduce to prevent and treat opioid abuse, as well as punish irresponsible pharmaceutical purveyors of opioid and other addictive painkillers?

I will support safe injection sites and alternative methods of fighting pain, such as medical marijuana and acupuncture.

10. What legislation or other policy changes do you support in order to make college and graduate school affordable for poor, working-class, and middle-class Americans and to alleviate the crushing loan debt that many students and alumni are facing?

I support tuition-free higher education and the abolition of student debt. I also support universal pre-K to maximize education.

11. What is your position on guaranteeing the right to unionize for all workers, starting with important "card check" legislation?

I strongly support the right to unionize and a ban on "right to work" laws.

12. Will you continue the push to pass \$15-an-hour minimum wage?

Yes, and I will also push for a living wage

13. Identify changes to our foreign policy that you would support in Congress. Include your thoughts on (A) America's recent and continuing military actions in the Middle East, (B) the number and size of American military bases in foreign countries, (C) international trade deals, (D) providing humanitarian and development aid versus nation-building.

I support a policy of peace and an end to wars, mass murder, coups, colonialism, and imperialism. I would not have voted for Iraq, we should scale back our military bases, trade deals should work to service labor both here and abroad, and we should provide developing countries the means to get themselves started rather than trapping them in cycles of debt.

14. Over 11 million undocumented people live in the United States; many live in daily fear of deportation, of being separated from family members who are US citizens. Meanwhile, Immigrants pay billions of dollars in taxes, yet many are unable to access the public services that they help fund. What will you do to end the impasse on immigration reform?

Specifically:

a. What ideas do you have for facilitating legal status and ways to approach citizenship for undocumented persons already living in the US?

I will promote a path to citizenship that is much quicker and fairer. We need to stop deporting people and subjecting them to terror simply because of national origin.

b. What policies would you put in place to support migrant workers and the US businesses who need seasonal workers?

I will ensure workplace protections and benefits for these workers. All labor deserves protection and dignity.

c. Do you think ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) should be dismantled? Why or why not?

Abolish ICE, they only serve to terrorize immigrants. We need just immigration policy, not terror.

15. Will you cosponsor and support H.J.Res.48, to propose a constitutional amendment providing that the rights protected by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only, and require federal, state, and local government to regulate, limit, or prohibit election contributions and expenditures?

Yes, I will!