

Our Revolution Baltimore City/County

Baltimore City Endorsement Questionnaire

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Office and District Running For: Mayor of Baltimore

1. What is your vision and plan for public safety and reform of the police and criminal justice system?

1. Require the Baltimore City Police Department to undergo a full certification and accreditation process.

2. Institute a grid block plan for the city.

3. Institute community policing satellites in community centers around the city.

2. What can you do, within the powers of the office you are running for, to improve education for all Baltimoreans and provide educational equity?

We first would need to evaluate what we are spending on and whether it is working or not.

1. Analysis of problems

2. Design for addressing the problem

3. Develop the strategy

4. Implement the strategy with regular assessments of outcomes and measures.

3. How will you address blight and revitalize communities while avoiding gentrification?

We need economic development and job creation without gentrification across all sectors of industry. I would use the resources of Section III and the Opportunity zones to create entrepreneurial opportunities

getting our abandoned properties back on the books and create a low income home ownership model to allow families to stay in the city and invest in their own communities.

4. How will you ensure that communities in the Black Butterfly receive equitable investment?

I would look to create an equal equity model for investment throughout the city so that all parts of Baltimore get the investment and services they need.

5. How would you improve transit, transportation, and the ability for people to get around in the city? Would you support the creation of a Regional Transit Authority to provide transit independence from the state?

I absolutely support enhanced investment in transportation infrastructure provided we have a thorough analysis and it is structured in the best interest of all the residents. I also think it is important to create a regional authority to oversee the transit network.

6. How will you address the environment, climate justice, and the climate crisis locally, including not only reducing/eliminating greenhouse gas emissions within the city, but also protecting the people and infrastructure from the consequences of the climate crisis? Will you declare a state of climate emergency?

I would look to see all available data so that we can properly address the problems and create a real plan with measurable outcomes. Also see answers to questions 7 & 8.

7. How will you improve public health within the city? Please address racial and economic health disparities and social determinants of health. Some things to consider:

- a. The high asthma rate;
- b. Food insecurity and food deserts;
- c. Disparities in life expectancy;
- d. The effects of trauma and violence.

e. Lead in water and housing.

We have had a long-standing problem in the city with inequity regarding the city's culpability in several of the detrimental determinants to health and general well-being in our city. We must address issues of lead, food insecurity and the impact of trauma at a minimum. The folks that live here are the heartbeat of the city and right now our leadership is failing to care for that heart. We need to get the lead out, we need to increase our green canopy through not just trees but urban farming, we need to get our youth involved. I would work to enforce legislation for greater corporate responsibility. I will work to create a robust urban farming industry in our city. This will help reduce negative health factors and create jobs for our youth.

8. How will you improve economic opportunities for all residents of Baltimore? What programs would you create or reform to improve access to well paying jobs?

This is the opportunity to engage HBCU's to position the schools and the city to make full use of the wealth of educational institutions and groom the next generation of thought leaders to move our city forward specific to greener cleaner energy, technology and health innovations.

9. What reforms to the structure and functioning of city government would you implement?

The Board of Estimates is dysfunctional. Under the board's current composition, the 2 mayoral appointees are too close to the Mayor. These are folks who should be objective and not mouthpieces for the Mayor. There needs to be a selection process. Also, the City Solicitor should only be on the board as an ex-officio member, not a voting member. I would also ask the resignation of every department head and ask if they would like to re-apply. Ask and what they intend to do differently to fulfill their mission mandate.

1. Every agency would be expected to reveal monthly what it spent and on what and how it improved the lives of Baltimore city residents
2. A thorough and sifting analysis of the city's procurement process
3. Every quarter the cities head of finance would be required to give a state of the city address in Education, Finance, Mayoral, and Board of estimates

10. How will you improve the quality of life for city residents? Some things to consider:

- a. Community art;
- b. Community centers and recreation;
- c. Illegal dumping;
- d. Beautification of streets and neighborhoods;
- e. Improving infrastructure;
- f. Trash pickup and recycling.

We need to partner with our local schools, colleges and universities to promote local talent to partner with leadership to create a campaign to clean and beautify our city. We need to prioritize making our city look and feel like a place we can all be proud to call home. This will include community cleanups sponsored by city council in partnership with their community associations. We will require City Council to perform quarterly State of the District reports so that problems can be addressed in a more timely and effective manner for residents of all parts of our city.

11. How will you address the needs of immigrants, both documented and undocumented? Will you ensure the safety of our undocumented neighbors?

I would support our police implementing all laws on the books equally regardless of race religion creed or color or any other discriminating factors with respect and dignity for all residents.

12. How will you address the need for equitable and affordable housing?

We would get our abandoned properties back on the books using a Habit for Humanity low income home ownership model.

13. How will you balance providing services, including water, to all citizens while planning and paying for infrastructure upgrades/repair and replacement?

We will again need to analyze the entire problem. We need infrastructure work in every part of the city. Once we do a complete audit, we will be able to allocate the necessary funds to prioritize infrastructure repair.

14. Is there anything else you'd like us to know?

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