

Our Revolution Baltimore City/County

Delegate and State Senate Endorsement Questionnaire

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1. How does your experience, along with your life experiences, qualify you for this position?

I have spent my career working on legislation and learning how to effectively maneuver the legislative process on behalf of people directly impacted by the policies presented.

At the ACLU of Maryland, I worked to support and protect the civil rights and civil liberties of Marylanders on many issues including but not limited to voting rights, police reform, immigrant rights, women's rights, and free speech.

In the City Council President's office, I helped craft and effectuate progressive policies while managing the mechanics of the Council and transitioning it to a virtual platform at the onset of COVID-19. This work also included directly engaging the community to learn and determine what residents want to see from their government. To that end, I helped organize 9 town halls and 2 virtual town halls for city residents within a 2 month span.

Locally, I have served my community as an officer for my home neighborhood association, a board member for the Red Cross of Central MD, and the Baltimore Regional Housing Partnership.

These experiences qualify me to serve as Delegate because they illustrate my ability to connect and serve my community while also having the skill set necessary to translate their needs into meaningful and impactful policy and legislation.

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

- a. Transparency, Accountability, Service: I plan to represent my district by keeping their needs at the forefront of every decision. I will be transparent in my decision making; directly accountable to my constituents for those decisions; and will maintain a service based mindset.
3. Do you identify as a progressive candidate? If so, what specifically makes you a progressive candidate for this political office?
 - a. Yes. Specifically, I am in support of the social reforms necessary to make Maryland more equitable. Our systems and structures were created to advantage certain communities and disadvantage others (namely Black and Brown peoples). I will work to reverse policies that contribute to inequity and cause my community to be less safe, less healthy, less educated, less prosperous, etc. than others.

Climate Change/Green New Deal

4. Do you acknowledge the existence of climate change and the sense of urgency to address this issue on state and local levels?
 - a. Yes. Climate change is real and we must reduce our dependence on fossil fuels to combat this. That dependence goes beyond cars but also major industry which contributes the most to man-made atmospheric greenhouse gasses.
 - b. Locally, we must set a target to be carbon neutral by 2045. Additionally, we should leverage the lessons learned from the pandemic and institute hybrid working models that will reduce weekly commute times and gas expenses for workers.
5. What is your position regarding a Green New Deal at the state level?
 - a. I would support such an effort particularly if it is able to meet a carbon neutral future while creating new, union jobs for Marylanders.
 - b. We need to be aggressive in moving Maryland forward to a greener future. The opportunity also exist to energize our economy in the process.
6. In the previous legislative session, House Bill 33, known as the Climate Crisis and Education Act, was not passed. If this bill or a similar bill is introduced in the next legislative session, what is your position?
 - a. Support
7. What is your position regarding the electrification of renovated buildings as well as newly constructed buildings in Maryland?
 - a. Support. This is extremely important. This allows for renewable energy to power homes as they will no longer be using natural gas and oil for heating and cooking.
8. How would you vote on the Climate Solutions Act? Support

9. How would you vote on the Environment Human Rights Amendment? Support

Health Care

10. What is your position regarding a single-payer system (such as Medicare for All) at the state level? Support

11. Would you vote for paid sick leave?

a. Yes.

Police Reform

12. Johns Hopkins University (JHU) is moving forward with establishing a private university-based police department. What is your position regarding the establishment of a private university-based police department at JHU?

a. I led the opposition of this bill in 2018 when I worked at the ACLU. We were only a few votes short of blocking the bill in the judiciary committee. I support the students, faculty, and neighboring residents in opposition.

13. What proposed legislation or action will you take to address police reform on a state and local level?

a. I worked on the police reform package in 2020 when employed at the ACLU. Moving forward, we must preserve the ability for certain investigations of police misconduct to be conducted outside of the BPD in Baltimore.

b. I believe we are at a point where we must implement the new structures and ensure the new PABs are not populated by corner law enforcement. I would introduce a book to clarify the name up of the boards so that future appointments can be reflective of the Community and not law enforcement.

14. Would you vote to end debtor prisoners?

a. Yes

Drug Policy Reform/Legalization of Marijuana

15. What is your position regarding the decriminalization of marijuana possession and use in Maryland?

a. I support legalization.

16. What is your position regarding the legalization of marijuana for recreational use in Maryland?

- a. Support with revenues invested in communities over policed and with embedding opportunities for those people throughout the supply chain, from farm to table.
17. What is your position regarding the decriminalization of psilocybin and legalization for therapeutic use in Maryland?
- a. Support.

Immigrant Rights

18. In the previous legislative session, House Bill 0016, known as the Dignity Not Detention Act, was vetoed by Gov. Hogan. If this bill is reintroduced in the upcoming legislative session, what is your position?
- a. Support. We should have been able to override the veto in 2020.
19. According to the 2010 US Census, Asian-Americans make up 6.1% of Maryland's population. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been an increase in hate crimes nationwide and locally against Asian-Americans. What proposed legislation and action will you take to protect these individuals on a state and local level?
- a. I would support legislation protecting the Asian community and all other minorities from hate crime.
20. In recent months, Maryland has become a 'welcome state' in supporting the transition of refugees arriving from Afghanistan. What proposed legislation and action will you take in meeting the immediate needs of Afghan refugees on a state and local level?
- a. I would support additional funding to help these refugees transition effectively into the community.
 - b. Personally, I've worked to support these communities by being a Liaison for the Red Cross to connect with City government to coordinate response.

Public Transit

21. In 2018, Gov. Hogan canceled the Red Line. Being that Maryland will have a new governor in 2022, there may be an effort to revive legislation for the Red Line. What is your position regarding the Red Line as a viable transit project in Baltimore?
- a. Support. But we must push our federal delegation to secure funding for this and other large projects that compliment the Red Line.
22. In a 2021 study conducted by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition, it showed racial disparities in

Baltimore's transit system. What proposed legislation and specific action will you take to address this issue?

- a. First, we must ensure that we appropriate the funding needed to not lose service delivery given the reduction in ridership and revenues as a result of the pandemic.
- b. Next, we must ensure current schedules and routes serve all communities.
- c. I would support legislation increasing mass transit access in Baltimore namely by improving and increasing routes leveraging the impending changes coming to the Circulator to increase access to Black communities.

Housing

23. In August 2021, Maryland's moratorium on residential eviction expired. What proposed legislation or action will you take to address the issues related to tenants who have fallen behind in paying rent?

- a. We must ensure the federal funding provided to the City is being funneled to residents in need.
- b. I would advocate for renters to be able to pay late payments that remain outstanding without fees but I would also want them to be able to have their pandemic bills covered in significant part from government support.

Consumer Rights

24. How would you vote on auto insurance prices not being tied to zip codes?

- a. Support