

## **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 help shape & make public policy with the Baltimore City Central Committee. Also worked in Annapolis in the past with several Delegates & Senators. I've run for Congress, City council & now Senate.

2. What will be the principles or values that guide your public service?  
My faith in Christ & service to the community & upholding family values.

3. Do you identify as a progressive candidate? If so, what specifically makes you a progressive candidate for this political office? Yes, I believe progressive & conservatism goes hand & hand, progressive conservatism wants to allow the government to regulate markets in the interests of both consumers and producers. I believe this will help first in lowering taxes(which conservatives do best). This will help with consumers & producers alike. Plus we need some sort of social safety net for people in poverty until they get to the production level instead of remaining just consumers.

### **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? Yes

5. What is your position regarding a Green New Deal at the state level? If it doesn't raise taxes on our residents & is feasible I'm all for it.
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? Again it's needed but if it raises taxes on an already starving population, another feasible way has to be looked at.
7. What is your position regarding the electrification of renovated buildings as well as newly constructed buildings in Maryland? I'm for it.
8. How would you vote on the Climate Solutions Act?
9. How would you vote on the Environment Human Rights Amendment? For, this would help our farmers & forest.

### **Health Care**

10. What is your position regarding a single-payer system (such as Medicare for All) at the state level? I think it's long overdue & needed
11. Would you vote for paid sick leave?
12. Yes

### **Police Reform**

13. 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? I'm not for this, I'm for the local police doing their jobs properly before we need Private police.
14. What proposed legislation or action will you take to address police reform on a state and local level? I would like to introduce legislation to support better body cameras that

has been proven to work for citizens & police. I would like for them to run 24/7 & not be turned off. If it's turned off that officer should be reprimanded, also the footage should be stream online by a citizen review board for all to see. Shouldn't have to wait for it.

15. Would you vote to end debtor prisoners? Yes

### **Drug Policy Reform/Legalization of Marijuana**

16. What is your position regarding the decriminalization of marijuana possession and use in Maryland? It's a medicine not a drug. The discrimination of it is based originally on locking up the poor & people of color.

17. What is your position regarding the legalization of marijuana for recreational use in Maryland? It should be legalize & records of users expunged.

18. What is your position regarding the decriminalization of psilocybin and legalization for therapeutic use in Maryland? I'm for this, again if it's used for medical reasons.

### **Immigrant Rights**

19. 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? For it

20. 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? I believe African Americans should be made a priority before any other demographic.

21. 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? None, I think the poor African Americans that we've always had should be taken care of first.

## **Public Transit**

22. 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? I believe it's a feasible & viable project for Baltimore.
23. 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? I've already pushed for competitive bus companies to service Baltimore like it's done in New York. MTA has no competition & no incentive to change for the people.

## **Housing**

24. 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? Rent forgiveness & start over. This should have been done, greed shouldn't take presidency over the needs of the people.

## **Consumer Rights**

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