

# Our Revolution Baltimore City/County

## *Delegate and State Senate Endorsement Questionnaire*

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

I am qualified for this position as Delegate given my personal life experiences as a first-generation citizen and being a black woman in America, I have extensive professional experience from waitressing to administrative to working in private, public, and nonprofit sectors as well as grassroots community work. I am familiar with and comfortable with all types of people from different classes, races, faiths, and ideologies.

**Do you identify as a progressive candidate? If so, what specifically makes you a progressive candidate for this political office?**

I identify myself as a public servant who has progressive values. I personally avoid labels.

### Climate Change/Green New Deal

**Do you acknowledge the existence of climate change and the sense of urgency to address this issue on state and local levels?**

Climate change is very real!! We need to move swiftly with our current resources to begin changing our pattern and practices at every level of government to counter this very real issue.

**What is your position regarding a Green New Deal at the state level?**

**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?**

I would support it but work through the reasons it didn't pass

**What is your position regarding the electrification of renovated buildings as well as newly constructed buildings in Maryland?**

I support electrification.

**How would you vote on the Climate Solutions Act?**

I voted for it in 2021 and plan to continue supporting it whether in one package or several packaged pieces.

**How would you vote on the Environment Human Rights Amendment?**

I supported it every year it has been brought to the general assembly. I plan to continue supporting it.

**Health Care**

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

We need to secure affordable and accessible Healthcare for all.

**Would you vote for paid sick leave?**

It is beyond time to pass paid sick leave for our families. I am ready vote and get it over the finish line.

**Police Reform**

**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?**

As a resident of the city and a state Delegate representing the city, I voted against the police force.

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

I will continue to support measures to bring accountability and training to policing while at same time working to build trust in the community.

**Would you vote to end debtor prisoners?**

YES!! It's long time we stop criminalizing poverty.

**Drug Policy Reform/Legalization of Marijuana**

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

I desire for MD to finally decriminalize marijuana possession and use.

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

I only support legalization of marijuana for recreational use so long as there is at the same time reconciliation and expungement of those who have charges and are in jail for use and possession.

**What is your position regarding the decriminalization of psilocybin and legalization for therapeutic use in Maryland?**

I must admit that I don't know enough about this drug, however I strongly believe that all drug use needs to be decriminalized. Those who use for whatever reason they are using are in need. We cannot continue to criminalize those suffering from substance use disorder.

### **Immigrant Rights**

**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?**

I supported and will continue to support Dignity Not Detention however , I along with my House and Senate colleagues overrode the Governor's veto during the 2021 Special session.

**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?**

The General Assembly has passed hate crime laws that currently protect and apply to this situation. However, I would support additional provisions to the hate crime law to address these awful acts of violence against our Asian-Americans.

**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?**

I would support legislation or expand legislation to ensure resources and funding to stabilize our new neighbors. Resources would include housing voucher, food assistance, English classes, and workforce development to create pathways to financial stability.

### **Public Transit**

**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?**

The Red line was an incredibly important project for Baltimore City as it created a much-needed east/west connection. Lots has changed since 2018, and while I support revival efforts, Baltimore City needs and deserves a Red Line 2.0 project that will build on the foundations of the original plan but considers our new transit challenge since the replacement plan of the bus system with the CityLinks system.

**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 am familiar with this study. I believe the disparities were that Covid infection rates/clusters correlated to lack of transportation. The study unfortunately did not discover anything new rather it highlighted what has already been known about Baltimore: racism in policy, housing zoning, and transportation. Covid-19 exasperated our city's historical disparities. Addressing the issue has multiple pathways to include another review of our bus routes, managing the human-health-housing challenges in the areas of question, and most importantly getting the Red Line 2.0 back

on track. A coordinated and funded strategical target plan between the state and city would begin to solve this issue.

### **Housing**

**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?**

I have supported legislation during the pandemic to protect renters and homeowner's owners by attending rally to get the Governor to reinstate the state of emergency and provide federal funding allocated to the state. I would continue to advocate for funding to pay back rents and mortgages so that families continue to have stable living arrangements.

### **Consumer Rights**

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

This is a huge issue in the city as we have the highest rates. I would vote for and support legislation to stop this unjust practice as well as work to create a new system/formula to determine auto insurance rates.