

2022 MGA candidate questionnaire

Our Revolution Howard County - state delegate & senate endorsement requests

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Why are you running for state legislature? What have you done in recent years to benefit your district (e.g. civic engagement, testimony, activism, etc.)?

I am running for re-election because addressing the issues which motivated me to run - expanding efforts at voter suppression, undermining workers' rights, creeping nationalism, uncontrolled healthcare cost, shrinking middle class, imminent climate threats, and widening disparities - is more important than when I 1st ran in 2014, and by virtue of my legislative experience I am an even more effective agent for change.

What actions would your office take on any of OR's 6 platform issues? <https://ourrev.us/Platform2022>

Please reference my legislative record.

Do you support a bill for public campaign financing? If not, why not? Are you accepting campaign contributions from corporate interests, such as property developers or their associates?

Yes, I supported the successful campaign to establish public financing in Howard County, and support establishment at the state and federal levels as well. I do accept contributions from corporate, professional association, special interest, unions, and policy advocacy groups.

Please identify a few serious challenges facing Maryland that your office would address over the next two years. What steps would you take, what obstacles do you anticipate, and how can we overcome them?

Please refer to my 8-year history of sponsored legislation and voting record.

What changes would you make to state taxes and/or constitutional limits for county taxes?

I support progressive tax policies and believe that as we increase the number of living-wage jobs, decrease unemployment, and minimize the number of people needing public benefits we increase the number of taxpayer and lessen the tax burden on individuals.

What would you do to make housing more affordable for low-income residents?

I've introduced legislation to make it easier for families to pass the family home from generation to generation thereby decreasing housing insecurity and homelessness. I support a range of policies and programs such as live where you work, transitioning of commercial properties to residential units, and reform our eviction and rental system.

How would you improve transportation and reduce traffic congestion in an equitable and sustainable manner? What are your views on public-private partnerships in transportation, such as variably-priced toll lanes?

I am a member of the transit caucus and support increased funding for mass transit and am not supportive of road expansion or toll lanes as sustainable solutions. I believe that PPP can have a roll, if proper guardrails are in place.

How would you increase police accountability, decrease racial disparities in policing, and maintain public safety? Do you support full LEOBR repeal?

Please see my legislative voting record.

How would you engage racially and economically marginalized communities to address inequity in our society? How would you ensure more impacted communities have a voice in state government?

Please see my legislative sponsorship and voting record

What should state government do to promote sustainable and equitable economic growth and job opportunities?

Please see my legislative sponsorship and voting record

What should Maryland do to improve healthcare beyond what the federal government does, in the short-run and long-run?

Taking advantage of federal waivers,, grants and pass-throughs, expansion of Medicaid, institution of our state Pharmaceutical Affordability Board, and creation of Maryland's re-insurance program are stop-gas to containing costs but insufficient. While I continue to support a single payers, improved – Medicare-for-all system for long term cost management, I do not think that it can be successfully instituted at the state level. I have not lost hope that we will eventually be able to institute it the federal level.

Do you support changes to state voting methods, such as ranked choice, approval voting, or proportional representation?

I am intrigued by ranked-choice voting, but not convinced that its claimed advantages are substantive rather than simply different, and am not particularly sold on proportional representation.

What are your top priorities to address environmental justice, sustainability, and nature conservation?

I will continue to advocate for environmental justice priorities such as the Omnibus Climate Solutions Act of 2022, legislation passed requiring downstream notification of sewage overflows and limiting HOA restrictions on sustainable landscaping, and, if not passed this session, re-introduce legislation creating a state mattress stewardship program and requiring state building comply with LEED credit55 structural and operational standards.

What changes would you make to state minimum wage law, including tipped and agricultural workers?

I support policies that focus on establishing living wage rather than minimal wage standards - indexed to inflation- and that address underlying issues such as wage theft and wage stagnation.

Would you support legislation to enable public workers to have the right to form a union and bargain collectively for contracts statewide?

I would and have

How would you change cannabis policy, including retail sales, distribution, and past criminal convictions?

I would and have

Do you support legislation to require special elections instead of appointments for vacancies in elective offices?

I would and have

What should the state do regarding insurrectionists and conspirators against our democracy?

Prosecute them to the full extent of the law.

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