

2022 Primary Special Election Candidate Questionnaire for District 8, Prince George's County

Dear Candidate,

We ask that you complete our questionnaire so we understand your views on the pressing transportation issues facing District 8 in Prince George's County. Your answers will be given to our membership for strictly education purposes only. Answers will also be posted on our website and shared on social media.

The questions are yes or no as well as questions that require you to elaborate for your response. We ask that you return the questionnaire by COB 12/28/21. Please email the questionnaire responses to me at advocacy@waba.org. If you have any questions please email us. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to complete the questionnaire.

WABA **does not endorse** candidates for any political office.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Lowery
Advocacy Director, WABA

Capital Trails Network

The Capital Trails Coalition seeks to create a world-class network of multi-use trails that are equitably distributed throughout the Washington DC region. The Coalition is in the process of finding funding to complete 800 miles of planned trails into pavement that people can walk and bike on. Trails are an economic boost for local economies and improve the health and well being of communities. Would you support Prince George's County, alongside DC and VA, dedicating funding to complete our regional trail network?

Yes No

Further explain how you would advocate for the completion of the County's portion of the Capital Trail Network?

I would work with Park and Planning to identify revenue streams that could be dedicated to the Trail Network. Once a funding source is identified, I will work to commence the completion of the Trail Network.

Protected Bike Lanes

Bike lanes would reward County residents who choose to travel in ways that conserve land, energy, and fuel and they also fight climate change. Expanding the number of protected bike lane miles in the County would make bicycling safer, easier and more popular and also reduces fuel use.

Do you support increasing funding to expand biking infrastructure in your District?

Yes No

How will you ensure the expansion of off-street paths and protected bike lanes on major thoroughfares and connecting streets that are comfortable for people of all ages and abilities?

I will advocate for and promote the concepts as outlined in the Vision Zero plan. These concepts include transportation design coupled with education, outreach and safety measures for all roadway users including people who walk, bike, drive and take transit.

Vision Zero

Do you support implementation of the full Prince George's County Vision Zero Action Plan, and commit to making sure all action items are planned and implemented by 2022?

Yes No

Do you support expanding funding for the infrastructure changes needed to slow traffic on your community's streets, and improve crosswalks and intersections to make them safer for people who are walking and using mobility assistive devices?

Yes No

Engagement

How will you work with your constituents to develop consensus infrastructure designs for your District that balances the community's desire for walkability, connectivity, open space and resiliency with vehicular traffic?

I will support any established focus group whose mission is to study and implement smart growth initiatives. These initiatives and recommendations should be closely aligned with the county's Vision Zero objectives and infrastructure design.

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