

2022 Election Candidate Questionnaire for Montgomery County Council

Dear Candidate,

We ask that you complete our questionnaire so we understand your views on the pressing transportation issues facing Montgomery County. Your answers will be given to our membership for strictly education purposes only. Answers will also be posted on our website, shared on social media, listservs, and with our members in Montgomery County.

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 4/2/22. 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,

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Bike Network

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association is proposing that the County fund the construction of bikeable/walkable networks in four Equity Focus Areas of the County, in Wheaton, White Oak, Langley Park and Downtown Silver Spring. Do you support this \$110 million proposal which will also help achieve the County's Climate and Vision Zero goals over six years?

Yes No

What else do you think the County Council can do in the next term to make walking and biking safer and to help increase the biking and walking and transit mode shares?

We need to actively engage residents about how they can diversify the modes of transportation utilized. I would explore incentives – particularly focused on communities of color and low income residents – for biking, walking, and using public transit. One example might be a tax credit tied to participation in a county program to walk or bike.

Police out of Traffic Enforcement

Do you support removing police from all or some traffic enforcement?

Yes No

How will you balance the need for traffic enforcement and equity while in office?

Given what we know of racial disparities in traffic stops, the goal is to remove as much bias from traffic enforcement and minimize negative interactions with police and communities of color. We can create proactive, preventative measures such as street design and camera placement to reduce vehicle speeding, collisions, driving under the influence, and other violations. We can also focus on corrective measures for violations such as work orders for broken tail lights, as we seek to end the racial disparities of search and arrest from pretextual stops.

Trails - repaving

Do you support fully funding the budget request of the Parks Department to include monies for repaving the Sligo, Rock Creek and Capital Crescent Trails?

Yes No

Tunnel

Do you support funding the \$55m project for this important regional trail connection through downtown Bethesda?

Yes No

Do you support funding that will complete construction of the project within the current FY 23-28 CIP period or sooner/later?

Current Period No

270 widening

Do you support or oppose the proposal to widen parts of I-495 and I-270 to add four express toll lanes?

Yes _____ **OPPOSE X**

Why or why not? And how would you show that support or opposition. Do you support other new highways or road expansions?

We need to be directing our transportation dollars to projects that are both more environmentally sustainable and that accommodate a wider variety of transportation modes. There are targeted places where we need to address road capacity — for example Rt 355 between Germantown and Clarksburg.

Vision Zero

Vision Zero - is it working and if not, what needs to be done by the County to achieve the goal of zero deaths due to traffic crashes? What would you do to work with the State Highway Administration to achieve true Vision Zero?

While Vision Zero does challenge our county government to seriously consider policy interventions to prevent serious and fatal collisions, [CSG](#) notes that we must take an integrated approach as 53% of all serious and fatal collisions occur on State highways. Further they note a need for more focus on intersection design and lighting infrastructures as the majority of collisions occur at intersections and at night. Engaging SHA in partnership with delegates and senators in the General Assembly, I will push for funding that targets better intersections, roads, and sidewalks.

Transportation Equity Pledge

[Will you sign our transportation equity pledge?](#) **Signed.**

Link to sign: <https://waba.org/blog/2022/01/transportation-equity-pledge-for-2022-candidates/>