

## 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](mailto: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

### **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?

I recommend placing benches and activity setups for cyclists along the bike paths where applicable.

### **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?

**I will examine the budget and work in the areas of greatest need. Some enforcement can be done by crossing guards and traffic controls.**

### **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?

Yes  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  No

Why or why not? And how would you show that support or opposition. Do you support other new highways or road expansions? Oppose widening. Recommend BRT and possibly a BRT on rt 495 during peak hours. The stops would need to be set up at major hubs.

### **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?

Yes but we can do even better. Many main roads have mid sections with grass, declines that allow pedestrians to cross without being seen/.. I recommend placing barriers around these areas to promote crossing at designated traffic light areas.

### **Transportation Equity Pledge**

[Will you sign our transportation equity pledge?](#) yes

Link to sign: hcv