

2022 Candidate Questionnaire for Arlington County Board

Dear Candidate,

We ask that you complete our questionnaire so we understand your views on the pressing transportation issues facing Arlington 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 and with our members in Arlington 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 4/2/21. 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 Trail Network?

Last year, when I served as Arlington County Chair, the Arlington County Board passed a resolution in support of completing the projects necessary to build the regional trails network envisioned by the Capital Trails Coalition. At the time, there were 40 priority trails projects necessary to complete. Four of those priority projects are in Arlington or Arlington and another jurisdiction. I will advocate for funding for those priority projects in our Capital Improvement plan, prioritizing them as I have key bike trails over the past four years, but with the benefit of experience as I do so. I also am more familiar with the work and have engaged with advocates over the past four years; I have and will be an effective champion for these projects.

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 Arlington?

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 continue to focus on areas of particular importance such as the Glebe Road and 50 Intersection which was an important piece of Arlington's Capital Improvement Plan last year and the Fairfax Drive analysis, which will be an important part of our work in this year's CIP. I have engaged in particular with Sustainable Mobility for Arlington, a local advocacy group, and will continue to do so. Arlington has several leaders on these issues. I have been one, and am looking forward over the coming years to accelerating our progress on protected bike lanes and stepping forward to lead even more.

Vision Zero

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

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 Virginia Department of Transportation to achieve true Vision Zero?

Our 2022 budget includes a position for Vision Zero. My work helped get to painted white lines at intersections across the County to help at stop signs. I also have been active at key intersections, advocating for safety in Glynn Carlin and numerous other neighborhoods. We are very close to zero fatalities this year, but the system changes we need to get to vision zero by design instead of both by luck and design is still ahead of us. Continuing to invest in narrower lanes must be a focus in our Capital Improvement plan.

With respect to working with VDOT, Arlington has work to do on our Route 50 trail and there are cases where advocacy with the regional staff leadership is needed with respect to Route 1 in Crystal City/National Landing. I have and will engage in that work and strengthen relationships

locally through the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, where I currently serve as Secretary/Treasurer and am in the queue to Chair if I have the honor of being reelected.

Schools

Would you support legislative or budget measures that ensure All Arlington Students have access to free public transit?

Yes No

What other policies or budget items will you pursue to upgrade transportation infrastructure so kids can walk & bike to school?

Arlington has a good transportation choices committee that works between Arlington County government and the Arlington Public Schools. One area where transportation is a challenge is in the Aurora Highlands/Arlington Ridge area with respect to Elementary Schools. I will ask and engage on whether additional capacity is needed there to help make schools more walkable. There are other locations where stop signs are needed and, County wide, we must invest in the local infrastructure to help make walking safer.

Upcoming Term

If elected, what will be your signature legislation or priority that you will champion to improve traffic safety during your upcoming term?

Over the coming four years, I will engage with colleagues to develop a majority to further engage our traffic safety team officers to open streets and better protect pedestrians. We have created school zones and enacted safety cameras—I would like to systematize such protective steps as widely as possible by pushing for changes in state law and enacting local ordinances that take advantage of such flexibility.

Town-Hall with WABA members

Would you be willing to meet with Arlington County WABA members in a town hall setting to discuss pressing transportation issues this year?

Yes No

Transportation Equity Pledge

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

Yes. Done.

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