

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,

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 X 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?

THIS IS ABOUT SAVING LIVES; That's the urgency. This needs to be priority and it touches many departments within the County, including: Health and Human Services, Fire and Rescue, Transportation, Park and Planning, Recreation, education, even the Economic Development corporation. Having save streets for all transportation modes is critical for everyone.

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?

Police reform is part of the racial justice agenda, and it touches every aspect, including traffic endorsement.

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

Yes, and I have the track record on this as a Parks and Planning commissioner.

Tunnel

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

Yes No

Yes, and I have the track record on this as a Parks and Planning commissioner who worked on the Downtown Bethesda master plan.

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?

I oppose it and have been vocal about it:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/transportation/2018/08/23/they-must-have-some-idea-residents-want-more-details-about-proposed-widening-beltway-i-270-2018-08-23/>

<https://wtop.com/maryland/2020/07/park-agency-pushes-back-on-plan-to-widen-i-270-capital-beltway-in-md/>

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

I have shown opposition to them via my votes as Park and Planning Commissioner, press interviews and attending rallies. In Thrive 2050, I added the language of removing M83 and highways in the planning board drive.

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?

We need to prioritize investments on road safety for every user. I look forward to building a diverse grassroots movement on this issue to push for changes at the state and local level.

Transportation Equity Pledge

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

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

I signed this already, but just did again just in case.