

## 2022 Primary Election Candidate Questionnaire for Ward Races

Dear Candidate,

We ask that you complete our questionnaire so we understand your views on the pressing transportation issues facing DC. Your answers will be given to our membership and shared on social media for strictly education purposes only.

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 4/18. Please email the questionnaire responses to [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,

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### **Bike Network**

Despite the Mayor's pledge to eliminate all traffic deaths on DC streets, fatalities from car crashes reached its highest levels since 2017, even while other Vision Zero cities are saving dozens of lives every year.

Question: Do you support [DDOT's plan](#) to expand the protected bike lane network by 10 miles every year for the next 3 years – including and all the bike lane projects in your ward?

Yes  No

**As the next Ward 3 Councilmember and avid cyclist I would support expanding the protected bike lane network by 10 miles every year. I ride on our existing bike lanes, trails, and on the street. As someone who rides and has been hit by a car door while riding I believe that we need to expand our bike lane network. I don't think every street is appropriate for a bike lane but the network needs to expand and go where people are located.**

**I support the Connecticut Ave. protected bike lane and am excited for the protection it's going to give the cyclist community and the alternative it's going to give residents to cars and buses to commute.**

Question: What will you do to ensure the protected bike lane projects in your ward get completed in a timely manner?

**As a bridge builder and someone who has worked with the ANC and community stakeholders to accomplish a bike lane in their neighborhood I have a proven track record on making sure bike lanes get completed in a timely manner.**

### **Budget**

Bike lanes are an incentive for District residents who choose to travel in ways that conserve land, energy, and fuel and they also fight climate change. DDOT's long-range plan envisions miles of protected bicycle lanes – which makes bicycling safer, easier and more popular and also reduces fuel use.

Question: Will you press DDOT to accelerate plans for more protected bike lanes (which may repurpose driving lanes and street parking) and budget adequate money for DDOT to build these bike lanes? Including ensuring DDOT has the staff and resources in the budget to complete the projects at a rapid pace?

Yes  No

Question: What other budgetary biking and transportation items will you fight for and prioritize?

**As the next Ward 3 Councilmember, I would work with the Council and the Executive to better allocate funding by grouping projects for planning and construction for the District Department of Transportation. I would like to see projects executed instead of DDOT just planning ideas and bring them to the community. I would fight for and prioritize the Rock Creek West livable study so that it is funded and delivered to the community quicker. Lastly I would prioritize upgrading the trolley trail in Ward 3.**

### **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 DC, alongside MD and VA, dedicating funding to complete our regional trail network?

Yes  No

**I would support dedicated funding to complete the DC Portion of the regional trail network.**

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

**As an avid cyclist I think trails are the safest, most convenient and the most exciting opportunity we have in DC and the surrounding jurisdiction. As someone who has ridden the entire WOD trail, ridden the Metro Branch Trail and the Capital Crescent trail I know we need better connection between our trails. As Ward 3 Councilmember I would be an advocate for the completion of the DC's portion of the trail network.**

### **Vision Zero**

Do you support the recent bills before the Transportation Committee, that would ban right turn on reds and permit the so-called Idaho stop?

Yes  No

**I am in favor of the ban on no right turn on red and support the Idaho stop for cyclists.**

Vision Zero - is it working and if not, what needs to be done by the District to achieve the goal of zero deaths due to traffic crashes?

**As a former ANC Commissioner who had a public elementary school in my district, I fought hard for sidewalks and safe routes to school. With a school down the street from me and no sidewalks installed, I realized that Vision Zero was flawed. To protect our pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers we need to implement raised crosswalks, sidewalk bump outs, no right turn on red and use every tool in the toolbox to end traffic fatalities on our City streets. That means working with the community, hiring more engineers at DDOT and a DDOT community engagement team that knows the temperament of the community to really accomplish vision zero. I support funding for a multi year sidewalk gap plan so DDOT can look forward and work towards closing sidewalk gaps for our most**

**vulnerable residents. As the next Ward 3 Councilmember, I would have DDOT publicize a five year future plan map so the council has a better idea of their funding needs.**

### **Transportation Equity Priorities**

If elected or re-elected this year, what policie(s) or legislation will you pursue in your upcoming term to ensure our transportation system is equitably moving forward?

**As Ward 8 has the same amount of metro stops as Ward 3 I would support legislation like the Metro for D.C. Act that would give \$100 per month for District residents to spend on their Metro trips. In the past I've also been a supporter of free fares on the Circulator and the \$200 bike credit for educators. I'd like to see that credit expanded to the rest of our DC Government employees as well and would support legislation that does that.**

**As the next Ward 3 Councilmember I'd provide additional funding to the Circulator to create a route which goes deeper into Ward 3 but expand it equally across the city. This is something that the District can do without the bureaucracy of WMATA and would serve residents better. I'd also leverage the building of a new high school at the old GDS campus to expand transportation options and better connect these communities with the rest of the District.**

### **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/>