

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. 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

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

As Councilmember, I will communicate with neighbors to build support for bike lane projects, ensure plans are fully funded, and pressure DDOT to prioritize these projects. This requires deep community relationships and a willingness to perform rigorous oversight over the District's transportation agency. I have both. I believe that listening to all community voices is an essential part of the bicycle infrastructure proposal process. I won't, however, let a loud but small group of opponents derail projects that will keep road users safe and better connect networks. I'm prepared to be a bold leader who demands more bike lanes in Ward 3 and then delivers them.

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 Councilmember, my first priority will always be funding initiatives that make our streets safer and reduce reliance on cars. There is much that can be done to upgrade our transportation system in addition to improving built infrastructure. When on the Council, I will fight for an e-bike tax credit for first time purchases. The tax credit, which should be a more ambitious version of the proposed federal version, would enable more DC residents to afford e-bikes and transition away from relying on cars for everyday trips. I will also examine ways we can leverage funding to facilitate restocking Capital Bikeshare stations in areas with hilly topography, especially in Ward 3. Recently, too many stations have been entirely empty due to the lack of an actionable plan to redistribute bikes in these areas.

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

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

Overall, I am very supportive of completing DC's portion of the trail network. While most of the remaining planned trails are not within Ward 3, I believe that all DC residents deserve access to well-maintained trails that can be used for both transportation and recreation. In addition to supporting completion of the Trail Network, I support additional trails through Ward 3 and the entire District. I have long been a supporter of repairing the Glen Echo Trolley Trail so that it can serve as a safe and accessible trail for all. This project will be a key priority of mine. The proposed high school on MacArthur Blvd only makes this initiative more important. I will achieve

these improvements by leveraging community support and need and encouraging intergovernmental coordination between DC and other jurisdictions.

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

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?

Vision Zero is not working. Traffic fatalities have increased nearly every year since the District adopted its vision zero goal, and 2022 is on track to be similar or even worse. We need to take swift, decisive action to keep all road users safe. That means massively increasing the amount of bicycle and pedestrian safety infrastructure being constructed each year. As Councilmember, I won't tolerate excuses — I'll demand results. DC has the resources to make every street safe, we just need elected officials with the political courage to make it happen. We should start with the Walk Without Worry and Safe Route to Schools bills, but we absolutely cannot stop there. We need a whole-of-government response that is focused on improving our safety infrastructure, but we also need to focus on keeping dangerous drivers off our streets. We need to boot and tow cars with repeat violations and utilize automated traffic enforcement in an equitable and effective manner.

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?

To start, I will support the Walk Without Worry Amendment Act, the Safe Routes to School Expansion Regulation Amendment Act, the Metro for DC Act, and the Safer Intersections Amendment Act, and any other legislation pending before the Council that will make it safer and/or more convenient to bike, walk, or use public transit. I will also bring some of my own ideas to the Council. I support an e-bike tax credit to expand opportunities for e-bike ownership among DC residents. I will advocate for improvements to Capital Bikeshare station and bike access in the Ward. I will also push for a system that tracks traffic enforcement data. I believe that recording demographic information will allow the District to better analyze and remedy racial disparities in traffic enforcement stops. Finally, I will eagerly support transportation infrastructure projects in our Ward. I have already committed to support bike lanes on Connecticut Avenue, New Mexico Avenue/Tunlaw Rd/37th Street, Arizona Avenue, and the multi-use path on Nebraska Avenue and that's just the beginning.

Transportation Equity Pledge

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

Already did!

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