

## 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 believe we need bike lanes separated by a concrete barrier to keep bikers protected.**

### **Police out of Traffic Enforcement**

Do you support removing police from all or some traffic enforcement?

Yes  No  (see below)

How will you balance the need for traffic enforcement and equity while in office? **I believe in research-based policy. Therefore, on this issue I would like to see more research as to the best way to resolve this issue. Principally I believe training the police to respond differently is one facet of the solution. A second is prohibition of behavior that on the part of police officers that contributes to inequity.**

### **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  (I support the Tunnel in theory but I need to review the details)

Do you support funding that will complete construction of the project within the current FY 23-28 CIP period or sooner/later?

Yes  No  (See earlier answer)

### **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 widening both highways as a solution to the traffic.**

Yes  No  (see below)

Why or why not? And how would you show that support or opposition. Do you support other new highways or road expansions? **I oppose it because widening the road has not proven to be a successful means of reducing traffic congestion. I would support a dedicated lane for Rt 29 in order to make the proposed BRT work in the manner it was envisioned.**

### **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? **I believe it is working although some of the progress has not as fast as many would like. Changing behavior takes time. The implementation of HAWK traffic signals is one measure that can and should be done with no delay.**

### **Transportation Equity Pledge**

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

Link to sign: [https:// transportation  
waba.org/blog/2022/01/transportation-equity-pledge-for-2022-candidates/](https://transportation.waba.org/blog/2022/01/transportation-equity-pledge-for-2022-candidates/)