

## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MARYLAND STATE-OFFICE CANDIDATES

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### 1. Healthcare

1A. As an individual or an elected official, did you take any actions last year to advance the national issue of universal, single-payer healthcare solution, and if so, what were those actions (to include taking a public stance and making contributions, etc.)?

**Last year, I took individual actions to advance the national issue of universal, single-payer healthcare solution by talking to my friends and colleagues about the importance of universal health care for all Americans.**

### 2 Environment

2A. Do you support increased funding for mass transit, as well as the Purple Line, and do you oppose the Inter County Connector (ICC) in particular?

**I do support increased funding for mass transit, such as the expansion of the Purple Line in the DC area and the Red Line in Baltimore City. And, I am opposed to the Inter County Connector (ICC) because of its high costs to drivers and heavy toll on the parks, forests and wetlands in Maryland.**

2B. Do you support limiting the Maryland pollutant runoffs reaching the Bay?

**Yes, I support limiting the Maryland pollutant runoffs reaching the Bay.**

2C. Do you support legislation that places stricter State-limits on gasoline consumption to force auto makers to create more efficient vehicles?

**I do support legislation that would limit gasoline consumption in Maryland and force auto makers to create more efficient vehicles.**

### 3. Taxation

3A. Do you support a full, graduated income taxation solution for Maryland residents, including the "Millionaires' Tax; and eliminating tax breaks for wealthy individuals?

**Yes, I support a full, graduated income taxation solution for Maryland residents, and I also support eliminating tax breaks for wealthy individuals.**

3B. Do you support combined reporting for corporations, and imposing higher corporate tax rates in line with neighboring states?

**No, I do not support combined reporting for corporations and imposing higher corporate tax rates in line with neighboring states.**

3D Do you support an increase in the alcohol tax?

**Yes, I support an increase in the alcohol tax as it would reduce the number of alcohol-induced automobile crashes and violence, affect communities for the better by waning alcohol**

**consumption, and support the government and its initiatives to improve quality of living and represent the people in Maryland County.**

#### **4. Courts & Imprisonment**

4A. Do you support the repeal of the death penalty in Maryland?

**Yes, I support the repeal of the death penalty in Maryland.**

4B. Do you support policies/legislation to strengthen gang prevention in Maryland without punishing young victims of gang violence and intimidation, and further eroding communities where gangs dominate?

**Yes, I support policies and legislation that would strengthen gang prevention in Maryland without punishing young victims of gang violence and intimidation, in order to stop the erosion of communities where gangs dominate.**

#### **5. Immigrant Rights**

5A. Do you support granting of Maryland drivers' licenses without any restrictions dependent on immigration status?

**Yes, I support granting Maryland drivers' licenses without any restrictions dependent on immigration status to immigrants.**

5B. Do you have a history of support for legislation to make Maryland a "sanctuary state" and/or are you willing to support it in the future? (In a sanctuary state, no agent, officer or employee of the state, may assist the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the investigation or arrest of any persons for violation of the U.S. immigration and nationality laws.)

**I am willing to support legislation to make Maryland a "sanctuary state" in the future.**

#### **6. Women's Rights**

6A. Do you support enacting state laws that require equal pay for equal work irrespective of gender?

**Yes, I support state laws that require equal pay for equal work regardless of sex.**

6B. Do you support women's access to government-funded abortion under MHIP, or have you opposed restrictions on those rights?

**I support women's access to government-funded abortion under MHIP.**

#### **7. LGBT Rights**

7A. Do you have a history of advocating for legalizing same-sex marriages in Maryland, and for opposing restrictions on recognizing same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions?

**As an individual, I have supported legalizing gay marriage by supporting and voting for candidates who share my opinion, such as working as an Outreach Coordinator for Barack Obama's presidential campaign. And I oppose restrictions on recognizing same-sex marriages.**

7B. Do you support Montgomery County's Gender Identity Law, and have you taken any actions to defend it when it was under attack, and if so, what actions; in addition, do you support a similar State-wide law?

**Yes, I support Montgomery County's Gender Identity Law.**

### **8. Labor Rights**

8A. Do you support the rights of Maryland's private and public-sector workers to have collective bargaining and union representation?

**Yes, I support private and public-sector workers' rights to have collective bargaining and union representation.**

### **9. Human Rights**

9A. Outside of the context of health insurance reform and the other "rights" cited above, as an individual or an elected official, did you take any actions over the last six years to advance the needs of what is sometimes called "the underprivileged" (e.g., economically disadvantaged, mentally ill, developmentally disabled, etc.); and if so what were those actions?

**Yes, I have taken actions over the last few years to focus on those whose needs are sometimes forgotten, such as the economically disadvantaged, mentally ill, and developmentally disabled. I have volunteered with IMPACT Silver Spring's Neighbor's Campaign to reach out to individuals in the 20906 zip code where many residents were suffering from the economic crisis to let them know about programs that are available to them such as rental assistance, food stamps, and job search assistance.**

### **10. Education**

10A. Do you support full funding of the Thornton Commission on Education Finance, Equity, and Excellence, and for opposing public funds being used for private schools (including the use of vouchers or the BOAST Bill)?

**Yes, I support full funding of the Thornton Commission on Education Finance, Equity, and Excellence to provide financial assistance to the education of high-need students in lower income districts. I oppose public funds being used for private schools, including the use of vouchers or the BOAST Bill.**

10B. Do you oppose the current level of reliance on standardized test scores as the measure of student success and evaluating schools, or would you make changes, and if so, what changes would you make?

**Yes, I oppose the current level of reliance on standardized test scores as the measure of student success and believe there should be an emphasis on funding education in the visual arts, music, theater and physical education to have a well-rounded discipline of study.**

10C. Do you support the right for undocumented residents and their children to have equal access to the public school systems at all levels as apply to other State residents; for applying the same in-state college tuition, and for using the same formula for scholarships as applied to other State residents?

**Yes, I support undocumented residents and their children's right to have equal access to the public school systems at all levels as apply to other State residents. I also support undocumented residents and their children's right for applying the same in-state college tuition and for using the same formula for scholarships as applied to other State residents.**

## **11. Elections**

11A. Do you support enacting State campaign finance reform and laws that curtail corporate influence on elections, and laws that enable voluntary public financing of campaigns for state offices in a way that would allow candidates to receive funding after demonstrating significant community support?

**I support enacting State campaign finance reform and laws that curtail corporate influence on elections, and laws that enable voluntary public financing of campaigns for state offices so that candidates would be allowed to receive funding after demonstrating significant community support.**

11B. Do you support the right enfranchisement for all residents of Maryland, regardless of legal status.

**Yes, I support the right of enfranchisement for all residents of Maryland, regardless of legal status.**

## **12. Peace and Anti-War**

12A. Do you have a history of opposing the use of the Maryland National Guard in non-humanitarian military assignments in other countries?

**Although I do not have a history of opposing the use of the Maryland National Guard in non-humanitarian military assignments in other countries, I oppose using the Maryland National Guard in non-humanitarian military assignments in other countries in the future.**

## **13. Good Government**

13A. Do you support enacting open government and transparency legislation that would include the public web-posting of the entire record and votes of all meetings/hearings of General Assembly official bodies at every level, including subcommittees; and the posting and sign-up sheets for all General Assembly hearings?

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