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Progressive Neighbors' Endorsement Questionnaire

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Dear Maryland State Candidate,

Progressive Neighbors (PN) is a Montgomery County-based grassroots organization th wide variety of progressive causes. Each election cycle PN creates a Progressive Vote we endorse, and works to get those candidates elected – especially by handing out the the Primary and on Election Day.

Our endorsement process involves sending out questionnaires to all of candidates whc Primary Ballot and then rating each candidate's "progressiveness" based on his/her an answer to each question below that question in the text of the Email, and return it to the follow the two simple rules below.

Thank you for participating in this endorsement process. In keeping with our policy of c our process, the questions, candidate answers, and our decisions on our website.

1. We ask you to return this filled-out questionnaire by close of the business day two (2) to you (i.e., July 21).
2. Although most of the questions below can be answered with a simple "yes" or a "no your answers wherever you feel it might be helpful to us when making our endorsement
3. For all of the questions we will rely on more than your current answer/position, and a record of having supported/opposed an issue. We understand and readily accept that but if that has happened, we hope you will expand on your answer and make it clear if not held an elective office that would allow us to compare your current position with a d will tell us about any public actions or stances you have taken where that record can be information at this time, we might ask you to cite examples in the future.

Thanks again,
PN Steering Committee
<http://www.progressiveneighborsmd.org/>

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MARYLAND STATE-OFFICE CANDID

1. Healthcare

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

yes, Main sponsor - 4 yrs.

2 Environment

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

yes

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

yes

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

yes

3. Taxation

3A. Do you support a full, graduated income taxation solution for Maryland residents, and eliminating tax breaks for wealthy individuals?

yes

3B. Do you support combined reporting for corporations, and imposing higher corporate neighboring states?

yes

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

yes

4. Courts & Imprisonment

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

yes

4B. Do you support policies/legislation to strengthen gang prevention in Maryland with gang violence and intimidation, and further eroding communities where gangs dominate?

yes

5. Immigrant Rights

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

yes - but need ID of home bills / elections

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

yes

6. Women's Rights

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

yes - Lilly Ledbetter bill

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

yes

7. LGBT Rights

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

yes

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

yes - voted

8. Labor Rights

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

yes

9. Human Rights

9A. Outside of the context of health insurance reform and the other "rights" cited above, did you take any actions over the last six years to advance the needs of "underprivileged" (e.g., economically disadvantaged, mentally ill, developmentally disabled) people? What actions?

*many bills - working to remove
separation of mental from physical
health*

10. Education

10A. Do you support full funding of the Thornton Commission on Education Finance, E opposing public funds being used for private schools (including the use of vouchers or

yes

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

yes - cultural differences in schools

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

yes

11. Elections

11A. Do you support enacting State campaign finance reform and laws that curtail corruption and laws that enable voluntary public financing of campaigns for state offices in a way that does not receive funding after demonstrating significant community support?

yes

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

yes

12. Peace and Anti-War

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

yes

13. Good Government

13A. Do you support enacting open government and transparency legislation that would require the posting of the entire record and votes of all meetings/hearings of General Assembly committees, including subcommittees; and the posting and sign-up sheets for all General Assembly

yes

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