

1. Healthcare

1A. I volunteered with Organizing for America to help get grassroots support behind President Obama’s health care plan.

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?

Yes, I support increased funding for mass transit and I support the Purple Line and the Montgomery County 10 Year Plan. I do not categorically oppose the ICC, but believe we have other transportation priorities we need to address first.

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 to force auto makers to create more efficient vehicles? Yes

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

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

3D Do you support an increase in the alcohol tax? Yes, I have signed the pledge from Maryland Health Care for All! Coalition.

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 without punishing young victims of 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 status? Yes

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 it in the future.

I do not believe that it is the job of local law enforcement to enforce archaic federal immigration laws. And I would support legislation that reflects that position.

6. Women's Rights

6A. Do you support enacting state laws that require equal pay for equal work irrespective of gender? Yes, I worked on the comprehensive review of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the Obama-Biden Transition Team.

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

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? Yes and I strongly support legalizing 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? I support Montgomery County's Gender Identity Law and would support a similar State-wide 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

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?

I have volunteered on numerous occasions to help those in need and advocate for the underprivileged. Most recently, I traveled to Haiti to assist with the relief effort after the earthquake.

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

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? I think that standardized test scores should be part of a portfolio of a student's work that is taken in to consideration when evaluating schools and teachers.

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

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? Yes, I worked on the comprehensive review of the Federal Elections Commission for the Obama-Biden Transition Team.

11B. Do you support the right enfranchisement for all residents of Maryland, regardless of legal status? Yes, I worked on the comprehensive reviews of the Election Assistance Committee for the Obama-Biden Transition Team.

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? No.

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? Yes