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## 2018 Questionnaire for State Senate

Progressive Maryland is a grassroots community organization that acts for social and economic justice by developing civic leaders and cultivating allies in order to advance economic, racial, and environmental equity, and to change our economic system for the benefit of all people in Maryland. Learn more at [www.ProgressiveMaryland.org](http://www.ProgressiveMaryland.org)

Progressive Maryland supports candidates who will work to build a society and economy that works for all Marylanders, with special emphasis on traditionally marginalized groups—low and moderate income residents, people of color, women, LGBTQ+, and all oppressed and exploited people. Elections can have an enormous impact on our work to reduce inequity and to improve the lives of residents all over the state. It is our responsibility not only to advocate for residents but also to empower them to engage in the political process at every level, from member-led canvasses to trainings for our members who wish to run for office.

To be considered for Progressive Maryland's endorsement, please return the completed questionnaire to our Policy and Legislative Director Jennifer Dwyer at [Jennifer@progressivemaryland.org](mailto:Jennifer@progressivemaryland.org) **no later than 5 P.M. on Friday, March 30, 2018**. Your responses will be available to the public at [www.ProgressiveMaryland.org](http://www.ProgressiveMaryland.org)

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### Candidate Information

Candidate Last Name:

Hayes

Candidate First Name:

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State Senate District 40, Baltimore City

District:

40

Party:

Democrat

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<b>Candidate History</b>
Previous Elected Offices: Maryland House of Delegates

Which Years Did You Serve: 2015-2018

Have you ever received an endorsement from Progressive Maryland?

YES  or NO

If Yes, when: 2014

Have you ever assisted Progressive Maryland in achieving its goals?

YES  or NO

Describe: Fight for Fifteen

Major Endorsements (Elected Officials/Organizations/Opinion Leaders): Former Delegate Salima Siler Marriott, Former Mayor Sheila Dixon, SEIU 1199, CASA In Action, AFL-CIO, Baltimore City Council members: John Bullock, Kristerfer Burnett, Eric Costello, Shannon Sneed, Ryan Dorsey, Edward Reisinger and a host of residents in District 40 where we release videos of each individual citizen once a week.

## Issue Questions

1. Do you support ending the money-based bail system?

Yes

Comments: I've made several public statements in support and played an significant role in the Legislative Black Caucus to defeat efforts to give priority to cash bail whereas my opponent in this race testified in support of the bail bonds industry

2. Will you support a \$15 per hour minimum wage for all Maryland workers? If yes, over what time period would you suggest implementing it? Do you support including an indexing provision?

Yes and Yes

Comments: Indexing will keep us on track with inflation reducing thereby reducing the pressure of legislative action

3. Do you support public financing of State Senate and Delegate races similar to systems enacted in Montgomery County and Howard County?

Yes

Comments:

4. Do you support increased protections for workers in terms of scheduling practices? In particular, will you support requiring employers to give 3 weeks' notice to employees of their shift schedule, requiring employers who call employees into work only to send them home before the end of their shift to provide a certain percentage of the pay that the employee would have made that day, and prohibiting employers from scheduling an employee to work back-to-back shifts or shifts scheduled only a few hours apart without the employee's consent?

Yes

Comments:

5. Do you support workers' rights to organize in the private and public sectors? Will you make it a priority that all public employees be covered by a public employees relations act, similar to the National Labor Relations Act, which has governed work in the private sector for over 80 years?

Yes

Comments:

6. We believe that the financial security of women is integral to the health of our economy. Do you feel that legislation ensuring the equal treatment of men and women in the workplace is appropriate? If so, what legislation will you support as a member of the General Assembly to bring women to parity with their male colleagues?

Yes

Comments: As a member of the General Assembly I have and will continue to support legislation such as HB 398 in 2017 and HB 512 in 2018.

7. Do you believe that employers should be required to make reasonable accommodations for employees and applicants for employment who have known limitations due to conditions related to pregnancy or childbirth?

Yes

Comments:

8. Are there any instances in which the state should place restrictions on a patient seeking abortion care, such as stage of pregnancy, access based on age, or the type of abortion care that state funding should cover?

No

Comments:

9. Will you support single-payer health care in Maryland? If so, how would you pass it and how would you pay for it?

Yes

Comments: I will continue my support for single payer. HB 1400 which consolidates purchasing of state, local and school systems health issuance saves approximately 300 million dollars if and when fully implemented. This I believe is one of the first steps to making the argument for passage. Must be a matter of budget priority and find ways to leverage federal funds.

10. Will you support instituting transparency rules for Pharmacy Benefit Managers and drug corporations as well as creating a drug cost review commission for high cost drugs?

Yes

Comments:

11. In general, do you support or oppose charter schools?

Support

Comments: I am the vice-chair of my church charter school board Empowerment Academy; so yes I support them in general. I am considering supporting efforts to limit the number of charter schools. In Baltimore City Charter Schools are over represented. I am most interested in expanding community schools and evaluating if there is cost savings in limiting/reducing charters to help fund community schools.

12. Do you support or oppose school vouchers that would allow public school students, K-12, to attend a private school instead of their local public school? Please explain your support or opposition.

Oppose

Comments:

13. Will you support making state colleges and universities free for all in-state students?

Yes

Comments:

14. Will you support the Trust Act?

Yes

Comments:

15. Will you support closing corporate tax loopholes by requiring combined reporting, as most other states have done? Will you support bringing back Maryland's 6.25 % tax rate on income of more than \$1 million to allow upper income residents to contribute more to Maryland?

Yes

Comments:

16. Do you plan to introduce or support legislation to provide protection for the Potomac, Chesapeake or other shared environments that have had federal funding for protection removed?

Yes

Comments:

17. What legislation and regulations can Maryland state government enact to protect our residents from the damage inflicted by Trump's federal government?

Comments: Protect Marylanders from the rising cost of healthcare by finding a long term solution that goes beyond our efforts this session with HB 1782

18. Do you support the creation of a progressive caucus in the state legislature?

Yes

Comments:

19. For the measures above that you have agreed to support would you be willing to:

- Co-sponsor legislation? YES
- Work with our Policy and Legislative Director to help pass a bill? YES
- Testify at a hearing in support of legislation? YES
- Speak at public events in support of legislation? YES
- Write a letter in support of legislation? YES
- Write an op-ed in support of legislation? YES

20. Would you be willing to engage with Progressive Maryland members and their communities by:

- Speaking at Progressive Maryland events? YES
- Meeting with our membership annually to report on the progress of our shared priorities and answer questions from our members? YES
- Writing a letter to unorganized workers endorsing an organizing drive by a labor union? YES