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2018 Questionnaire for the House of Delegates

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

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 **no later than 5 P.M. on Friday, January 26, 2018**. Your responses will be available to the public at www.ProgressiveMaryland.org

Candidate Information

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Candidate History
Previous Elected Offices: Delegate, D15

Which Years Did You Serve: 2003 through the present. I was elected in 2002, 2006, 2010 and 2014.

Have you ever received an endorsement from Progressive Maryland?

YES: X or NO _____

If Yes, when: I believe I was endorsed by Progressive Maryland in 2002 and 2006.

Have you ever assisted Progressive Maryland in achieving its goals?

YES: X or NO _____

Describe: I supported Paid Sick Leave and many other Progressive Maryland initiatives and goals during the course of my serving as a member of the House of Delegates. In particular, last year I was a leader in reducing the use of cash bail.

Major Endorsements (Elected Officials/Organizations/Opinion Leaders):

MSEA and MCEA (as of 1/28/18)

Issue Questions

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

Yes: X No

Comments: I was one of the leaders in this effort both before the Maryland Court of Appeals and the legislature.

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 X No

Comments: I believe following the lead of Montgomery County is the correct position. Indexing is fine.

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

Yes X No

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 X No

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 X No

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 X No

Comments: I am not aware of specific legislation but, I have always supported pay equity legislation and have worked throughout my career in the legal profession to ensure pay equity is a core principle of the firms where I work.

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 No

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?

Yes 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 No

Comments: I support a single-payer health care system in Maryland. With all due respect, this is not my area of expertise. I rely on my District colleague, Sen. Brian Feldman on these issues.

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 No

Comments:

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

Support

Oppose

Comments:

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.

Support

Oppose

Comments:

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

Yes

No

Comments: Conceptually, I most certainly support this. However, I am not sure how to fund this initiative at this time.

14. Will you support the Trust Act?

Yes

No

Comments: I worked hard on this bill last year and helped to get it through the House of Delegates.

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 – 6.25% tax rate on income of \$1 million or more No – Combined Reporting

Comments: Although I know combined reported is an important initiative for Progressive Maryland, I am not convinced that it is good for Maryland based on past reports by commissions, task forces, etc. I am certainly happy to discuss this further – but, I just do not think the research supports implementing combined reporting in Maryland.

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 No: - but, I will sign as a co-sponsor and fully support such legislation.

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: The House and the Senate are working with tax experts and economists to determine how best to address the impact of Federal "Tax Reform" bill. I will fully support the legislation that reaches the floor of the House to minimize or eliminate the impact on Maryland taxpayers. I will also fully support legislation to minimize or eliminate the impact of Federal regulations/law on Marylanders regarding the environment, business deregulation.

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

Yes

No: Maybe

Comments: In my humble opinion, the House Democratic Caucus is the progressive caucus in the House of Delegates.

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

- Co-sponsor legislation? YES or NO
- Work with our Policy and Legislative Director to help pass a bill? YES or NO
- Testify at a hearing in support of legislation? YES or NO
- Speak at public events in support of legislation? YES or NO
- Write a letter in support of legislation? YES or NO
- Write an op-ed in support of legislation? YES or NO

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

- Speaking at Progressive Maryland events? YES X or NO _____
- Meeting with our membership annually to report on the progress of our shared priorities and answer questions from our members? YES X or NO _____
- Writing a letter to unorganized workers endorsing an organizing drive by a labor union? YES X or NO _____

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