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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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Delegate _____

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Candidate History

Previous Elected Offices:

House of Delegates, District 16

Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee

Which Years Did You Serve:

Delegate, 2015-present

Central Committee, 2007-2014

Have you ever received an endorsement from Progressive Maryland?

YES _____ or NO X

If Yes, when:

Have you ever assisted Progressive Maryland in achieving its goals?

YES X or NO _____

Describe: I have voted, worked on, and supported numerous pieces of legislation—further described below—which are a part of your agenda. I do not recall having volunteered for Progressive Maryland if that is the focus of the question.

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

Chris Van Hollen; Brian Frosh; Jamie Raskin; Sierra Club; League of Conservation Voters.

Issue Questions

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

Yes

Comments: I was one of the legislators who sought the Attorney General's opinion on the constitutionality of the cash bail system and have worked closely with him to prevent the legislature from overturning the rule he passed through the judiciary to dramatically curtail cash bail. There is still a long way to go, particularly in ensuring pre-trial services are available in every jurisdiction.

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

Comments: Yes, I have co-sponsored the Fight for \$15 legislation in past legislative sessions (*e.g.*, HB 1416 in 2017), including indexing to inflation. Quite honestly, the timeline—as long as it is reasonable—is negotiable in order to build the necessary support.

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

Yes

Comments: I support the legislation Delegate Mosby is putting forward for a statewide approach and have co-sponsored the legislation in the past (*e.g.*, HB 1363 in the 2017 session). However, I have my own bill that would enable individual counties to publicly fund state legislative races in their counties if they are interested.

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: I have co-sponsored fair scheduling legislation in the past (*e.g.*, HB 969 in 2015). I think some accommodations may need to be made for certain jobs as to the details (*e.g.*, nursing) but the provisions you have outlined could certainly apply to retail.

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: I would be happy to expand and strengthen the right to organize in both the public and private workplaces. We are facing a hostile Supreme Court in this regard but anything we can do within the bounds of state law, I am open to.

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: I have supported equal pay for equal work legislation such as HB 398 in 2017 which passed the House but not the Senate. I have agreed to co-sponsor the 2018 version of the bill put forth by my colleague, Delegate Young.

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: I believe in the personal right to choose. If someone obtains healthcare through state funding, that right should not be abridged because they rely on public assistance. I have voted against floor amendments to the budget trying to limit the use of Medicaid for abortion during my time in the General Assembly.

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 am generally supportive if we can determine that it is a feasible approach for a state our size. Vermont's difficulty in launching a system is a cautionary tale. The good news is that main legislators such as Delegate Barron and Delegate Reznik are working on this issue. I support their efforts to figure out how to structure this approach in Maryland. As to the payment question, it is not clear to me at this point that it would require a net increase in expenditures.

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

Oppose

Comments: I am not fully comfortable with the structure of this question. The original idea of charter schools was to test drive new concepts that could be brought to scale. Maryland's charter school law is quite appropriate in the requirements it places on these experiments, including local board approval and labor protections. It so happens that there are no charter schools in Montgomery County under this structure, but other school districts have found success with them. I see no need to roll back this approach.

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: I think public dollars should be spent on public schools. As part of the budget, the Governor has used a small amount of funding for a former of vouchers. I would like to see that rolled back without harming students.

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

Yes

Comments: I think transitioning to free—or perhaps debt free—higher education is the direction we should go. It can also start with community colleges and, overtime, expand to four year institutions.

14. Will you support the Trust Act?

Yes

Comments: I co-sponsored and voted for it in 2017 as well.

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: In general, these are fine approaches. I would suggest that it is in the long term interest of progressives and Democrats to explain tax increases better and link the new revenue to purposes people support. For example, people will be much more supportive of an income tax increase—even if it does not affect their bracket—if they hear that it will expand access to pre-k.

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: I supported a resolution opposing these budget cuts (HJ 10 in 2017) and we can at least provide some necessary back-stop funding, as we have done for Planned Parenthood and Maryland Public Television. But the federal role is incredibly important, as we cannot compel other Bay watershed states to do the right thing.

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

Comments: We must continue the efforts we began in 2017 when we authorized and funded efforts by the Attorney General to protect our interests in the courts, substituted state regulations for relaxed federal regulations when possible, and set up monitoring efforts in particular areas (e.g., healthcare; consumer protection) to be prepared for federal changes.

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

Yes

Comments: There is already a large and growing group of progressive legislators. If there is a way to cooperatively call this a caucus, so much the better.

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