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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](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, January 26, 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:

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Candidate First Name:

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Delegate

District:

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Party:

Democratic

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<b>Candidate History</b>
Previous Elected Offices: Maryland State Delegate, District 18 (2007 – present) Town of Kensington Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem (2002-2007)
Which Years Did You Serve: See above

Have you ever received an endorsement from Progressive Maryland?	YES_X_ or NO_____
If Yes, when: 2014	
Have you ever assisted Progressive Maryland in achieving its goals?	YES__X__ or NO_____
Describe: The proof is in my voting record, sponsorship of bills and advocacy for the passage of progressive legislation. I just reviewed my 2014 Progressive Maryland questionnaire responses and I have delivered on all of my promises!	
Major Endorsements (Elected Officials/Organizations/Opinion Leaders): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maryland State Education Association/Montgomery County Education Association</li> <li>• Maryland Sierra Club</li> <li>• Maryland League of Conservation Voters</li> <li>• Senator Chris Van Hollen</li> <li>• Congressman Jamie Raskin</li> <li>• County Executive Isiah Leggett</li> </ul>	

## Issue Questions

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

Yes X            No

Comments:

As a member of the Legislative Black Caucus, I fought hard to oppose legislation during the 2017 session that would have preserved the old system in which freedom was based on wealth rather than whether an accused person is a danger to society.

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  No

Comments:

I would support phase it in over time resulting in \$15 by 2023. I also support indexing and an even higher minimum wage in high-cost areas such as Montgomery County.

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

Yes  No

Comments: Nearly every year I have co-sponsored legislation to enact public financing for state legislators. One year I was the lead sponsor. I strongly supported the enabling legislation that has led to public financing at the County level.

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  No

Comments:

I support and have co-sponsored legislation on this topic.

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  No

Comments:

I have always strongly supported legislation strengthening collective bargaining rights.

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 have co-sponsored and voted for several pieces of legislation designed to address gender pay equity.

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 X

No

Comments:

I have co-sponsored and voted for several pieces of legislation designed to address the issue of reasonable accommodations for those who need them for reasons related to pregnancy or childbirth. As an employer who has employed pregnant workers and those with young children, I strive to create a family-friendly workplace.

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 X

Comments: I am strongly pro-choice.

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 have co-sponsored single payer legislation in the past and expect to do so in the future. I would entertain all options but ultimately believe healthcare is a right and that the benefits of universal coverage greatly outweigh the costs.

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:

I have a record of opposing the expansion of charter schools or weakening of the current rules.

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: I oppose vouchers and other initiatives that drain resources from our public schools.

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

Yes

No

Comments:

I have supported efforts to keep the cost of tuition low and will support efforts to reduce it further with a goal of free tuition for more students.

14. Will you support the Trust Act?

Yes

No

Comments:

Yes, I voted in favor of the Trust Act during the 2017 legislative session and will do so in the future.

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  No

Comments: I have consistently co-sponsored legislation that would enact combined reporting in Maryland. I support restoring the upper income bracket.

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

Comments:

I will continue to strongly support environmental protection and to act locally to counteract any threats from the federal government.

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

Comments:

In 2017 I supported several pieces of legislation protecting Marylanders against the Trump administration including: Giving the Maryland Attorney General the right to sue the federal government on our behalf; Funding planned Parenthood; Protecting the Chesapeake Bay; Funding Public Television  
Going forward I will support any and all measures to protect Marylanders including state tax changes in response to the new federal tax law and strengthening of state disability laws in response to the rollback of guidance of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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

Yes  No

Comments: I have actively caucused with fellow progressive legislators during the current term and expect to continue doing so.

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

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