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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

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

County Executive Ike Leggett

Councilmember Nancy Navarro

Councilmember Marc Elrich

State Senator Susan Lee

Councilmember Laurie-Anne Sayles

UFCW Local 1994, UFCW Local 400, UFCW local 27, SEIU Local 500

CASA in Action

EmpowerPAC

Issue Questions

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

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:

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:

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 X No

Comments:

When elected, I'll work with my colleagues in the General Assembly to put a single payer healthcare bill on the Governor's desk. One revenue generating option is instituting a carbon tax, that could potentially bring in millions annually into state coffers to fund important quality of life services such as healthcare.

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

Support

Oppose X

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 X

Comments:

Our public schools have \$2.9 billion in unmet needs, I believe our focus should be on building a strong public-school system that provides a quality education to every child rather than diverting critical funds from public schools to unaccountable, private schools. Maryland's constitution states that public dollars should be used to fund public education, and we should adhere to that. I oppose school vouchers.

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

Yes No

Comments:

14. Will you support the Trust Act?

Yes No

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:

- Maryland Trust Act
- Single payer
- Free Public Higher Ed
- Banning conversion therapy for minors
- A livable wage (\$15/hour and a Union)
- Combined reporting and state tax reform

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

Yes No

Comments:

- 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: