

1. Because of budget constraints thanks to federal government cuts, portions of our Strong Schools plan have been held up. What areas of the plan would you push to get funded in 2027 and beyond?

As a former Prince George's County Board of Education member, I strongly support fully funding the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and protecting the long-term vision of the Strong Schools plan. I would prioritize investments in community schools, school-based mental health services, educator recruitment and retention, early childhood education, and equitable funding for historically underserved schools and students. We cannot close achievement gaps or strengthen educational outcomes without sustained investment in both students and educators.

2. What plans do you have to advance person-centered programs such as affordable housing, single payer healthcare for all, and improving racial equity and justice?

I support expanding affordable housing through increased state investment, stronger tenant protections, rental assistance, and pathways to homeownership for working families. I also support moving Maryland closer to universal healthcare coverage by strengthening Medicaid, lowering healthcare costs, and expanding access to community-based care. Every policy area should be approached through a racial equity lens, with targeted investments in communities harmed by historic disinvestment and measurable accountability for outcomes.

3. Maryland has a mixed record on protecting women's and LGBTQIA+ rights, especially protecting trans people from harmful policies being advanced by the federal government. What ideas do you have for legislation to protect women and Queer Marylanders?

I support protecting reproductive freedom, gender-affirming healthcare access, anti-discrimination protections, and bodily autonomy. I would support legislation that strengthens legal protections for transgender Marylanders, protects providers and patients from out-of-state attacks, expands access to reproductive healthcare, and strengthens hate crime protections. Maryland should continue to serve as a safe and affirming state for women and LGBTQIA+ communities.

4. What criminal justice policies would you advance in the legislature?

I support policies that focus on prevention, rehabilitation, accountability, and reducing systemic inequities within the criminal justice system. That includes expanding reentry programs, investing in mental health and substance use treatment, strengthening police accountability measures, and reducing unnecessary incarceration for nonviolent offenses. I also support ending practices that disproportionately harm Black and Brown communities.

5. What legislation do you believe we need to prevent gun violence?

We need a comprehensive public health approach to gun violence prevention. I support strengthening safe storage laws, expanding community violence interruption programs, strengthening red flag protections, and investing in youth violence prevention and mental health services. We must also continue addressing gun trafficking and ghost guns.

6. What ideas do you have to protect the state's rights to administer elections? What policies would you like to advance in the General Assembly to protect our voter rolls, including personally identifiable information?

I believe states must maintain strong authority to administer secure, accessible, and fair elections free from political interference. I would support stronger cybersecurity protections for election systems, safeguards for voter data and personally identifiable information, and increased protections against intimidation or disinformation targeting voters and election workers. I also support strengthening transparency and public trust in election administration.

7. How will you propose to protect our voting options (in person, electronic ballot, mail-in, early voting, etc)?

I strongly support protecting and expanding voting access. Maryland should continue investing in early voting, vote-by-mail, secure ballot drop boxes, accessible voting technology, and language access for voters. We should also strengthen voter education efforts and ensure election systems are adequately funded so every eligible voter can participate safely and conveniently.

8. How do you view ICE?

ICE is an agency defined by cruelty, fear, and the targeting of immigrant communities — particularly Black and Brown immigrants. Its practices around detention, deportation, family separation, and aggressive enforcement have caused lasting harm to families and undermined trust in public institutions.

9. What would you do to protect immigrant communities, especially immigrant communities of color?

As the daughter of immigrants and someone who has worked extensively with immigrant communities nationwide, I would support policies that expand access to legal protections, healthcare, education, language access, and economic opportunity regardless of immigration status. I also oppose local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement policies that create fear and discourage families from accessing schools, healthcare, or public services.

10. What are your thoughts on cryptocurrency?

I am deeply skeptical of cryptocurrency as it currently operates. The industry has been marked by fraud, speculation, market instability, environmental harm, and a lack of meaningful consumer protections. Too often, crypto has been used to enrich wealthy investors while exposing everyday people to significant financial risk. I believe policymakers should approach cryptocurrency with strong regulation, transparency requirements, environmental oversight, and consumer safeguards rather than treating it as a substitute for stable, publicly accountable financial systems.

11. What is your position on mega-data centers in Maryland?

I am opposed to the expansion of mega-data centers in Maryland, particularly when communities are expected to absorb the environmental, energy, water, and infrastructure costs while corporations reap the profits. These facilities consume enormous amounts of electricity and water, contribute to environmental degradation, strain local infrastructure, and can undermine climate goals. Any proposed data center development should face rigorous environmental review, strong community oversight, labor standards, and meaningful public accountability. Maryland should prioritize sustainable economic development and renewable energy investments rather than allowing massive corporate projects to disproportionately burden local communities.

12. What ideas do you have to strengthen the state's rights to stand firm against executive overreach (in any area/on any topic)?

States play an essential role in protecting civil rights, democratic institutions, and public wellbeing when federal leadership fails to do so. I support strengthening state-level protections around reproductive rights, voting rights, LGBTQIA+ rights, environmental protections, and immigrant protections. I also believe states should continue using legal and legislative tools to challenge unconstitutional or harmful federal actions when necessary.

13. How will you support green energy/renewables, EVs, and more EV charging stations within the state?

I support accelerating Maryland's transition to clean energy through investments in renewable energy infrastructure, public transit, energy efficiency programs, and expanded EV charging networks — particularly in underserved communities. We must also ensure the clean energy transition creates good-paying union jobs and addresses environmental justice concerns in communities disproportionately impacted by pollution and climate change.

14. What committee(s) would you like to serve on and why?

I would be especially interested in serving on the Education, Energy and the Environment committee. My background in education policy, civic engagement, nonprofit leadership, and public service has given me extensive experience working on issues related to schools, healthcare access, democratic participation, and equitable public investment. I would welcome the opportunity to use that experience to help advance policies that improve outcomes for Maryland families and communities.