

Questionnaire Responses

1. What PACs do or will you accept and reject support from and why?

I will not accept support from PACs or outside spending groups that expect political favors, access, or influence in exchange for their support. I am running to represent the people of Maryland's 5th District — not corporations, lobbyists, or special interests trying to buy a seat at the table.

I believe voters deserve to know who is funding campaigns and why. Too often, outside money enters races not to strengthen communities, but to protect someone's bottom line. That is not the kind of politics I believe in.

I will accept support only from organizations whose values align with working families, small businesses, civil rights, education, public safety, labor, seniors, veterans, and community development. My standard is simple: if the support compromises my ability to serve the people honestly and independently, I will reject it.

2. What is your stance on support to Israel?

I support Israel's right to exist and defend itself, and I also believe deeply in the dignity, safety, and human rights of Palestinian civilians. These values are not mutually exclusive.

The United States must work toward a lasting peace that protects innocent life, supports humanitarian aid, rejects antisemitism and Islamophobia, and pushes for diplomacy that leads to long-term stability.

My position is rooted in humanity, security, and accountability. We should not write blank checks without oversight, and we should not ignore the suffering of civilians. America's role should be to promote peace, protect human life, and support a future where Israelis and Palestinians can live with security and dignity.

3. Why did you decide to run for office?

I decided to run because too many families in Maryland's 5th District feel forgotten by Washington.

I am not a career politician. I have spent my life building businesses, creating jobs, mentoring young people, and serving communities. As the founding president of 100 Black

Men of Prince George's County, I have seen firsthand what happens when young people are invested in — and what happens when communities are ignored.

I am running because people need leadership that understands real life: the pressure of paying bills, raising children, caring for aging parents, starting a business, staying safe, and trying to build something for the next generation.

This race is not about a title for me. It is about service. I am running because the people of District 5 deserve a representative who shows up, listens, and fights for results.

4. What do you think is the biggest issue facing the average American?

The biggest issue facing the average American is affordability.

People are working hard, but still falling behind. Housing costs are too high. Groceries are too high. Healthcare is too expensive. Childcare is unaffordable. Seniors are struggling on fixed incomes. Young people are wondering whether they will ever be able to buy a home.

This is not just an economic issue. It is a dignity issue. When people cannot afford the basics, they lose hope and stability.

We need leadership focused on lowering costs, creating good-paying jobs, expanding affordable housing, protecting Social Security and Medicare, supporting small businesses, and making sure working people are not crushed while corporations continue to profit.

5. What is your plan to address the rising cost of living and housing?

We need a practical, aggressive approach.

First, we must increase the supply of affordable and workforce housing. That means supporting federal incentives for local governments, nonprofits, and responsible developers to build housing that working families, seniors, teachers, nurses, firefighters, and young professionals can actually afford.

Second, we must support first-time homebuyers with down payment assistance, fair lending protections, and programs that help families build generational wealth through homeownership.

Third, we must protect renters from abusive practices and support pathways from renting to ownership.

Fourth, we must reduce everyday costs by strengthening supply chains, lowering prescription drug prices, expanding access to childcare, and supporting small businesses that create local jobs.

Housing is not just about buildings. It is about stability, safety, and opportunity.

6. What environmental issue is the most concerning for you?

The environmental issue that concerns me most is the impact of pollution and climate change on public health, especially in communities that have historically been overlooked.

Environmental policy is not just about polar bears and headlines. It is about asthma, clean water, flooding, extreme heat, energy bills, and whether children can grow up in healthy neighborhoods.

In Maryland's 5th District, we must protect the Chesapeake Bay, improve stormwater infrastructure, reduce pollution, and make sure clean energy investments reach working communities — not just wealthy zip codes.

Environmental justice must be part of economic justice.

7. How will you support green energy?

I support green energy because it is both an environmental necessity and an economic opportunity.

We should invest in solar, wind, energy efficiency, weatherization, and clean transportation while also making sure these investments create good-paying local jobs.

I want Maryland's 5th District to benefit from the green economy through workforce training, apprenticeships, union jobs, small business opportunities, and lower energy costs for families.

Green energy cannot just be a slogan. It must translate into jobs, savings, cleaner air, and healthier communities.

8. What is your stance and approach to universal health care?

I believe healthcare is a human right, not a privilege reserved for those who can afford it.

Every American should have access to affordable, quality healthcare, including preventive care, mental health services, prescription drugs, dental care, and long-term care.

My approach is practical: expand access, lower costs, protect Medicare and Medicaid, reduce prescription drug prices, support community health centers, and move us toward a system where no family is bankrupted because someone gets sick.

We also need more focus on prevention, nutrition, chronic disease, maternal health, mental health, and wellness. A healthier country is a stronger country.

9. Which committee would you like to serve on and how do you envision that supporting your district?

I would be especially interested in serving on committees focused on small business, education and workforce development, transportation and infrastructure, healthcare, or veterans' affairs.

Maryland's 5th District needs federal investment in jobs, roads, transit, healthcare access, small business support, and workforce training.

As a business owner and community leader, I understand that economic opportunity does not happen by accident. It requires investment, training, infrastructure, and access to capital.

Serving on committees tied to economic development, small business, infrastructure, or healthcare would allow me to fight directly for resources that improve daily life in our district.

10. What is your stance on big business integration with the government and how do you intend to address it?

Big business has too much influence in government.

When corporations and lobbyists have more access than working families, small businesses, seniors, and community organizations, democracy suffers.

I believe in a strong private sector, but government should work for the people — not become an extension of corporate power.

I support stronger ethics rules, campaign finance transparency, limits on corporate influence, closing loopholes, and making sure federal contracts benefit workers and communities, not just executives and shareholders.

Small businesses are the backbone of our communities. They deserve a fair shot too.

11. What is your relationship with unions and intent toward supporting them?

I support unions and the right of workers to organize.

Unions helped build the middle class, raise wages, improve workplace safety, and protect workers from exploitation. At a time when too many families are struggling to keep up, we need to strengthen workers' rights — not weaken them.

I support collective bargaining, fair wages, apprenticeship programs, project labor agreements where appropriate, and protecting workers from retaliation when they organize.

Workers deserve dignity, safety, benefits, and a voice on the job.

12. What is your stance on addressing the rising national debt?

We must take the national debt seriously, but we cannot balance the budget on the backs of working families, seniors, veterans, or vulnerable communities.

The responsible approach is to reduce waste, close unfair tax loopholes, make sure billionaires and large corporations pay their fair share, and invest in policies that grow the economy.

We should protect Social Security, Medicare, and essential services while making government more efficient and accountable.

The best way to address debt long-term is to build an economy where more people are working, earning good wages, starting businesses, buying homes, and contributing to the tax base.

Fiscal responsibility should not mean abandoning people. It should mean spending wisely, investing strategically, and making the economy work for everyone.