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ETHICS BALLOT QUESTIONNAIRE

Howard County Legislative Primary 2022

Congratulations on your decision to run for Howard County State Delegate. The People's Voice is a civic/political organization in Howard and Montgomery Counties. We have over 4,000 members in Howard County and sponsor the non-partisan Ethics Ballot. If you would like to seek endorsement please return this Questionnaire to EthicsBallot@Gmail.com by midnight May 24, 2022. Please note that all questionnaires are published on the website, www.EthicsBallot.com. We will be in touch regarding endorsement dates soon after getting the questionnaires back. We pride ourselves in working hard for our endorsed candidates, and look forward to hearing your positions on important County issues. THANK YOU so very much for your time!

Be sure to address all aspects of each question.

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Educational History

*BA from Tufts University, 1985 (majored in English and Political Science)
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Languages Spoken/Other Skills/Relevant Experience

*30-year career at NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center
Executive and Leadership Coach; certified at ACC level by the International Coaching Federation
Board Member and Immediate Past President, The Arc of Howard County
Commissioner, Howard County Commission for Women*

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1. Why are you running for this office? Describe how your campaign is viable. *I am running for the Maryland House of Delegates because I have the skills, experiences, desire, and ability to serve the people of District 13 well in Annapolis. My campaign is viable; since it's kick off in late December 2021, I have raised over \$30,000 and have knocked on over 4,000 doors. I have recently won endorsement from the Columbia Democratic Club and LiUNA Baltimore Washington Laborers' District Council.*

What qualifications do you uniquely bring to hold this office? What experience do you have with the General Assembly? *I have 30 years of working to solve complex issues at NASA/Goddard in the fields of financial management, human capital management and program management. In all of these areas I have worked with stakeholders, interest groups, and leadership at all levels to understand and address challenges, build teams, develop consensus towards solutions, and provide oversight of implementation. I have a proven ability to work with people, ask questions, listen to concerns, and bring people together to move towards solutions. I have advocated regarding legislation affecting the developmentally disabled community for years, including testifying in Annapolis. I have known many members of the current Howard County Delegation for years.*

2. Have you signed the No Dark Money, No Developer Money pledge? If NOT how do you eliminate the appearance of conflicts? *I have not signed this pledge, and do not believe that I have received a request to sign.*

3. If you are elected, what are your top priorities for 2022? Discuss at least three legislative areas in need of change, and how you would address them. *My top priorities include: 1.) working to ensure the implementation of Universal Pre-K is funded appropriately and that attention is being focused on ensuring its programmatic requirements are being met; 2.) continuing to strengthen women's rights to have autonomy over their health care and specifically to make access to abortion protected in the state constitution; 3.) improving mental health services, the on-going Covid crisis has significantly increased the need for mental health services, including in our schools; additional resources – funding, people and facilities – are needed.*

4. What do you believe are the strengths and weaknesses of the current Howard County Delegation? How have you demonstrated your ability to work with people who have diverse opinions and party affiliations? *I believe the current delegation has a good track record of working to benefit their districts and the County. It will be a different delegation after this election, with different members and therefore different dynamics. Over the course of my career I have worked with many different groups with extremely diverse opinions, goals and objectives; I have always strived to build respectful relationships, act with integrity, and to assume that everyone I work with is acting with noble intent.*

5. Do you believe that State or County funded housing trust funds should be utilized to provide affordable housing? If so, should they be restricted to government usage and not private projects? Why or why not? *I believe housing trust funds should be able to be used for affordable housing. The Housing Opportunity Trust Fund established during the 2022 General Assembly, for example, is designed to promote equitable access to affordable housing for households of limited income in Howard County. Funds will be able to be used for developing, preserving, rehabilitating, and improving affordable housing, including rental housing, and can be provided to individuals, non-profits, or developers of affordable housing. Stable housing is an important part of creating community and for providing paths to economic stability and growth for community members.*

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6. Do you support shifting the burden of proof in Special Education litigation from parents/guardians to the County School System? If not, why? If so, should legislation have a sunset clause?*In the 2022 General Assembly, local Howard County legislation to make this shift was introduced to accomplish this shift. It was supported by the Howard County Board of Education as well as HCEA and approved on the House side but got bogged down in the Senate. If elected, I would support this bill, including its current pilot program status; that provision will ensure that after the initial 5 years, there is an assessment regarding the impact of the legislation.*

7. Do you believe any State laws need to change regarding reproductive health? *As noted above, I support the effort to constitutionally protect access to abortion services.*

8. What changes, if any, do you support regarding employment law?*At minimum, I believe work needs to continue on strengthening paid leave (to include family medical leave and parental leave) and on protecting the right of workers to unionize.*

9. Do you believe there is a need to change the MD Forest Conservation requirements or any other environmental protection or storm water management requirements?*As we learn more about the dire challenges to our environment – including the impacts of more severe weather, we need to consider changes to these requirements. We know that more trees are important to reducing greenhouse gases, and they also help mitigate extreme heat in the summer. Similarly, the challenges highlighted by the Ellicott City flooding – also seen in the devastating flooding to our south caused by stalled hurricanes - have heightened awareness about storm water management. I believe that when circumstances change it is important to consider changing how we determine appropriate mitigation of associated risks.*

10. What legislation do you feel is necessary to address Climate change concerns? *I believe that we need to continue to work on all aspects of climate change – from forest conservation to green house gas emission reduction, to improving recycling and composting, to forwarding environmental justice efforts, to storm water management and addressing pesticide run-off, all steps to preserve our Earth are necessary.*

11. What changes or extensions to the MD agricultural preservation program do you believe are necessary?*Similar to question 10, we will need to continue to look at the agricultural preservation program and its goals. Change may be appropriate, for example, as agricultural sciences evolve or approaches to improving and strengthening our environment evolve; either of which could mean we need more or different land in agricultural preservation. I believe in the importance of land preservation (agricultural, forestry, wetlands, national parks, etc.) and the benefits to all of open spaces.*

By Authority: The People's Voice, Lisa Markovitz Treasurer