



## **The Caribbean-American Political Action Committee**

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### **Caribbean-American Political Action Committee (C-PAC) District of Columbia – 2018 Candidate Questionnaire**

*Please return the completed form via email to [cpac.dmv@gmail.com](mailto:cpac.dmv@gmail.com) by Friday, April 13, 2018.  
Responses will be shared with C-PAC's membership.*

**Office Sought: Chairman of the Council**

**Candidate's Name: Calvin H. Gurley**

**Current Occupation: Accountant/Auditor – Federal Government**

**Party: Democrat**

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- 1. Please explain your plan or approach to improve agency responsiveness and the quality of the District's constituent services.**

This is not a clear question to answer. More details as to what agency and the constituent services of what D.C. Department or agency or the Mayors or Council's constituent service is necessary. As far as I know the both fire and police departments are responding within the time policy for each.

Constituent services ...please indentify. Perhaps, the councilmembers' constituent funds need to be increased and audited to identify how the funds were spent.

- 2. What specific actions have you initiated or will you take to support the Caribbean-American community in Washington, D.C.?**

I will have the city forgive any debt of the Caribbean Day Festival past. I will have the Caribbean Day Festival on Georgia Avenue again in 2019. It appears that all things in the African-American, Caribbean and Negro culture have been abandoned in the Nation's Capitol.

- 3. Unfortunately, throughout the City many Caribbean-owned businesses closed in recent years. How will you support the viability and competitiveness of the City's small, minority, veteran, women, and especially Caribbean-owned businesses?**

Caribbean-owned businesses will have the same financial support, subsidies and city business support as all current and newly opened businesses found on H Street Corridor, the Union Market, the Wharf, the U Street Corridor and at National Park.



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**4. What policy actions would you propose or support to improve the opportunities and rights of Caribbean immigrants in the District of Columbia?**

I will protect and fight against the extradition of all Haiti green cards holders. Sanctuary City will make it clear that Caribbean immigrants are also included. Currently, the Chairman, the council and the mayor do not share this policy.

**5. The City's Caribbean Community is the only immigrant community without an Office to address and support community affairs and services. Would you support the creation of such an office?**

Yes, I will surely will. I will look into why the Mayor's Office of African Affairs has not reached out to the Caribbean Community?

**6. How do you plan to help strengthen the Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) program since larger business take advantage of many small businesses, including Caribbean-owned ones, with whom they partner under this program?**

This question has not received any attention with the current Chairman or Mayor. I will fully support all African-American and Caribbean business that wish to do business and is currently doing business in the District.

**7. What policies will you support to address the challenges facing DREAMers, the administration's suspension of temporary protective status for many D.C. residents, and the threats facing sanctuary cities?**

I will support all policies that protect DREAMers.

**8. What concrete steps will you take to improve the District of Columbia's Public School system – including facilities and equipment, teacher treatment, relationships with parents, as well as education standards and test scores in all wards of the City?**

First, as the Chairman of the Council – I will push the total Council to remove the mayor from control of the D.C. Public School System. Then, the Council will reinstitute the election of all D.C. P.S Board members to have full control of the budget and policy for the school system. The elected School Board will have the authority to procure its superintendent.

A Five Year Education Improvement Plan will be created and initiated.

**9. In Washington, D.C., many seniors seek to age in their homes and/or communities. What efforts will you take to improve access of services and the quality of programs for the City's senior citizens?**



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**10. In Washington, D.C., many seniors seek to age in their homes and/or communities. What efforts will you take to improve access of services and the quality of programs for the City's senior citizens?**

I will take on Mayor Marion Barry's commitment to take care of all the District's Senior and children. My mother is a senior who will make sure that I will stay committed to Barry's commitment.

**11. What issues are you most concerned about in your run for political office?**

**That the residents/voters will re-elect that same ineffective Chairman that will ensure the continuance of the same disrespect of D.C. citizens' concerns and issues. The Chairman has become resistant and ineffective to represent the voice of the residents. He has not and will not stand up to the Mayor.**

**Mendelson refuses to use his authority to perform the 'Check and Balances' duty of his office. As the result of Mendelson 'sitting on his hands' and not implementing the Check and Balances to the Executive Offices of the Mayor and other D.C. Departments the District will suffer from the Education Scandal of Fraudulent Graduation of Seniors. Most recently, the D.C. Auditor revealed that the Mayor has secretly paid fines and penalties for her Departments mismanagement of Federal funded grants and programs. This has caused our residents to take-on an additional expense to pay millions in federal fines and penalties with no accountability (D.C. Officials not being fired).**