Caribbean-American Political Action Committee (C-PAC)
Montgomery County - 2022 Candidate Questionnaire

Please upload the completed form here: https://www.caribbeanpac.org/news-candidate-responses.php and submit it by 11:59 PM (EST) on Friday, June 13, 2022. Responses will be shared with C-PAC's membership.

Office Sought: Montgomery County Executive
Candidate's Name: Peter James
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1. What have you done, or will you do to ensure the interests of the Caribbean community in Montgomery Country are being adequately addressed?

   I have run First fruits Farms for 15 years see http://facebook.com/robogrow many of the interns were from Carribean. Taught hydroponics, renewable energy, robotics, plant biology and software.

   Worked to save homes being foreclosed in Montgomery County whoose mortgages were issued by a phony company and hence not enforceable. This company prayed on the immigrant population, many Caribbean immigrants.

   I will:
   - Provide free electric vehicles to anyone that wants one.
   - Implement an interest free mortgage program and a co-opertive to eliminate mortgage insurance to the cost of home ownership.
   - Distribute County funds equitablably to all areas of the County not just were rich folks live like Bethesda. ie. East County, southern Silver Spring.
   - Provide greenhouses and makerspaces in all neighborhoods.

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- Provide citizenship, parenting, prenatal, financial, home buying and trade classes in Spanish, French, Dutch, Haitian Creole and Papianmento.
- Provide english language class in the community and online for:
  - Spanish, French, Dutch, Haitian Creole and Papianmento.

Many candidates will make similar promises, but lack of funding will hamper them from fulfilling there promises. By replace the $3B bus rapid transit with personal rapid transit, I will save $2B to use for these and other programs, currently unfunded.

2.   The Caribbean- American Advisory Group (CAAG) was established by former County Executive Isaiah Leggett and continued by the current County Executive Marc Elrich, if you are elected will you support continuity of CAAG in its current form as an autonomous group

   Yes

3.   Will you proactively encourage and facilitate members of the Caribbean community of Montgomery County to be appointed to County Boards? Please explain what mechanism your office would establish to give effect to this policy.

   Will put a policy in place to include insure diversity to all immagrant community on every advisory board and commission.

4.   Please explain what policies you would espouse and implement to make Montgomery County *a safe haven* for undocumented Caribbean immigrants.

   Foreigners are allowed to both own businesses and home in the US. I will provide training as sated above of homeownersip and business formation. This alleviates the need for documentation typically required by landlords and employers.

5.   Will you support continuity of Montgomery County as welcoming Caribbean immigrants and settlement of the Region's refugees?

   Yes, I will continue the current policies.

6. Will you support availability of books by Caribbean authors and about the Caribbean in libraries and in the schools?

   I would provide a mechanism by which community members can request books be carried in their local libraries and that all libraries meet a level of diversity in authors.

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7. It is difficult to balance crime prevention and community safety with trust and improved relations with local law enforcement.   How will you work to strike this balance?

Goldman Sacs was looking to increase diversity in their hiring. They applied AI too pre-screen candidates and got 26% more diversity in the new hires. I will apply this technology to achieve diversity in our police force until the diversity matches the diversity of our population.

I would require body cameras on at all time and streamed to the web.

I would implement a tiered policing system similar to England where only 10% of the officers have guns. The first responder, except when shots have been fired or suspect is armed, would be a unarmed officer and/or mental health worker.

I will require dispatching officers that speak the languages spoken in each community.

Currently, race of individuals and details of use of force is not made public in online incident reports I will make it a requirement that this data is published online and that statistical analysis be preformed monthly to identify any disparity in enforcement.

I will provide neighborood mental health services, after school programs, trade schools and aprentiship programs and community greenhouse and makerspace to provide activities that aid in crime prevention.

Because I will replace bus rapid transit with personal rapid transit, the County will have an extra $2 billion to fund needed programs described above.

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