



The Caribbean-American Political Action Committee

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

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and submit it by 11:59 PM (EST) on Friday, June 13, 2022. Responses will be shared with C-PAC's membership.

Office Sought: Prince George's County Executive

Candidate's Name: Angela Alsobrooks

Current Occupation: Prince George's County Executive

Party: Democrat

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1. Will the County Executive re-establish a community liaison within the Department of Community Relations to serve the needs of the Caribbean community? **Under my Administration, we created the Office of Multicultural Affairs, based out of the Office of the County Executive. One of the team members in the Office of Multicultural Affairs is our African Diaspora Liaison, another new position based out of my office, who is responsible for outreach and ensuring the needs of our diverse African Diaspora community are being met by County government. That means this individual has more direct access to me and the rest of my team than a liaison would within the Office of Community Relations. We will ensure our African Diaspora Liaison continues to engage with our diverse communities and make new connections across the County, to include our Caribbean community.**
2. Will each council member create community liaisons within their district to address the needs of the Caribbean community within their constituency? **This question does not fall within the purview of the office I am seeking.**
3. Will you be interested in creating a community infused team with the Office of Economic Development to address development needs? **Our Economic Development Team regularly hosts community meetings and solicits input from various communities and constituencies for major development projects. We specifically seek to engage communities in areas/neighborhoods around a future project, prior to the start of that project, to gain input from the community and ensure community needs are being successfully met. For example, we have held multiple community meetings in the Largo area to receive community input**



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regarding the new development coming to Largo. We will continue to ensure the community has an opportunity to provide feedback and input on future development projects across the County.

4. What is your position on strengthening protections for Caribbean immigrants within the County? My Administration supports immigrants of all backgrounds in Prince George's County. The many cultures and rich diversity of our community is what makes Prince George's County a wonderful place to live and work. We are open to hearing more about the issues and concerns facing Caribbean immigrants and how protections could be strengthened for them in Prince George's.
5. Would you support introducing books by Caribbean authors into the Public School system and county libraries? While the County Executive does not have direct control over the books chosen for the public school system and County libraries, I fully support having Caribbean authors represented in schools and libraries.
6. In 2012, Governor Martin O'Malley created the Governor's Commission on Caribbean Affairs. The mission of the group was to expand outreach, ensure greater accesses and to serve as a resource to increase the economic, educational, health, political and social well-being of the Caribbean community in Maryland. Unfortunately, no funding was provided to institute such programs. Can we count on you to demand that the Commission be re-established, and the necessary funding appropriated to fulfill the mission? I would support this move by the next Governor of Maryland, whoever is ultimately elected during the 2022 election.
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? During my first term as County Executive, we have already made great progress toward this goal. In 2020, I created the Police Reform Work Group, which consisted of civil rights advocates, faith leaders, individuals with backgrounds in law enforcement, and community activists, among others. I asked this group to conduct an independent, thorough study and review of the Police Department. They also held several listening sessions with the community, as well as roundtable discussions with multiple constituency groups across the County. They developed dozens of recommendations for reforms within our Police Department, and my Administration is in the process of implementing 46 of those reforms.

In addition, I also had the opportunity to hire a new police chief during my Administration. We conducted a national search and conducted surveys and listening sessions with the community. Ultimately, I hired Chief Malik Aziz, who is recognized as a national leader in community-oriented policing and served as the national chair of the National Black



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Police Association. He has been working hard to implement the 46 reforms in our Police Department while increasing our community policing programs.

Finally, in this most recent County budget, I provided additional funding to both fight crime and continue implementing reforms in our Police Department. We allocated funding for two new recruit classes of officers to help bolster our force, new incentives to hire officers who live in Prince George's, and new technology to help fight crime. We also allocated funding for two new police reform boards we are working to establish, as required by the 2021 Maryland Police Accountability Act. These new boards will help us better hold officers accountable who are accused of misconduct in office. In the FY 2020 and FY 2021 budgets, we provided funding for the technology and equipment for body worn cameras. All patrol officers in our Police Department are currently equipped with body worn cameras.

Overall, my Administration has been committed to fighting crime and keeping communities safe while ensuring we reform our Police Department to make it a model for the nation. I will continue making the investments to maintain that commitment during a second term as County Executive.