



The Caribbean-American Political Action Committee

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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 Council District 5

Candidate's Name: Jeremiah Pope

Current Occupation: Small Business Owner and Chief of Staff to Del. Charlotte Crutchfield

Party: Democratic

Campaign contact information (Address, Phone, Fax, Email, Website): P.O. Box 15043 Silver Spring, MD 20914, 301-578-6389, info@citizensforpope.com, www.citizensforpope.com

1. What have you done, or will you do to ensure the interests of the Caribbean community in Montgomery County are being adequately addressed? **I will work with the Caribbean community leaders to ensure that the community interests are heard.**
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. **Yes. I would encourage and facilitate appointments to County Boards by working with leaders in the community.**
4. Please explain what policies you would espouse and implement to make Montgomery County **a safe haven** for undocumented Caribbean immigrants. **Montgomery is known to be a safe haven for all undocumented members of our society already. I will continue to work with our County and State officials to ensure that it stays that way.**



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5. Will you support continuity of Montgomery County as welcoming Caribbean immigrants and settlement of the Region's refugees? **Yes**
6. Will you support availability of books by Caribbean authors and about the Caribbean in libraries and in the schools? **Yes**
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? **I will fight for policies that will support our communities and officers in a fair and just way, improve training and community engagement, and ensure real accountability of officers so everyone can feel safe and be treated respectfully.**