



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: County Council, District 4

Candidate's Name: John Zittrauer

Current Occupation: Bartender

Party: Democrat

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1. What have you done, or will you do to ensure the interests of the Caribbean community in Montgomery County are being adequately addressed? One thing the county needs to improve in terms of community engagement is how and where we solicit feedback. I will be out in the community, engaging citizens in community hubs and meeting people where they are instead of expecting everyone's schedule to conform to mine and meeting only at county offices.
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. Culturally focused committees should retain autonomy, 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. We seem to draw from the same talent pool too frequently, and my election would greatly change that practice. I can promise that the staff of the county will more accurately represent the community. When our staff reflects the county as a whole, board selections can be made from this new, diverse talent pool.



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4. Please explain what policies you would espouse and implement to make Montgomery County **a safe haven** for undocumented Caribbean immigrants. Continue our refusal to work with ICE
5. Will you support continuity of Montgomery County as welcoming Caribbean immigrants and settlement of the Region's refugees? Yes, this should be a welcoming community for everyone, but especially those who come here hastily with very little.
6. Will you support availability of books by Caribbean authors and about the Caribbean in libraries and in the schools? I feel personally shortchanged by my Eurocentric education and I will work to prevent my experience from being repeated.
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? Trust in law enforcement can only come from true civilian oversight and transparency. The Police Accountability Board needs to have its work known and supported by the county. Community safety occurs when we address needs instead of focusing on policing. Raise the minimum standard of living in the county, lift people out of homelessness and poverty, and you will see a safe place to live.