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The Caribbean-American Political Action Committee (C-PAC) District of Columbia – 2026 Candidate Questionnaire

Please return the completed form via email to cpac.dmv@gmail.com by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Responses will be shared with C-PAC's membership.

Office Sought: Ward 3 Councilmember
Candidate's Name: Matthew Frumin
Current Occupation: Ward 3 Councilmember
Party: Democrat

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1. If elected, how would you proactively and consistently engage with Caribbean-American constituents, groups, local leaders, and organizations in your constituency?

The Caribbean-American community is a wonderful community that contributes to the social, cultural and economic fabric of our city. Ensuring my office engages with all of our constituents, including their respective community, identity, and affinity groups, and quick and thoughtful responsiveness to the ongoing and ever-changing needs - including to the Caribbean-American community - has and will always be one of my top priorities. I make an active effort to attend events, observe holidays, and take meetings with members of all identity groups, and have and will always include the Caribbean-American community. We are also happy to highlight important cultural events, religious holidays, and community updates through our newsletter, on social media, and in other public materials. My door is always open, so please reach out and keep us informed so we can share and support.



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2. How would your office address barriers Caribbean immigrants face when accessing public services such as healthcare, safe, affordable housing, education or social programs that disproportionately affect them?

My advocacy around education, affordable housing, healthcare, workforce, and protecting our social safety net is intended to and does embrace the needs and interests of our diverse immigrant communities, including the Caribbean-American community. My colleagues and I have also continued to advocate for the rights of immigrants in the District, especially in the face of aggressive Federal action, and focus on offering resources in multiple languages so all Washingtonians can access the information they need. Addressing the barriers facing our foreign-born and immigrant communities, including from the Caribbean, has been central to my leadership of the Committee on Human Services, where we have prioritized services that meet residents where they are - such as creating the Health Care and Public Benefits Ombudsman to help all residents in navigating our complex federal benefits programming. I also fought to preserve funding and eligibility for the DC Health Care Alliance, and am committed to working with my colleagues to find a sustainable solution to ensure our communities receive the care they need.

3. How do you ensure culturally responsive services for Caribbean-American residents across agencies (e.g., health, education, law enforcement, etc.)?

We must ensure key government resources are provided in multiple languages and that our front line government workers are accessible to all communities, including ensuring having staff present who are able to speak multiple languages or with easy access to translation. The District has incredible identity and affinity based resources available through the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, and in my short time leading oversight of the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs and Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, I used my oversight and budgetary powers to ensure that the District is using those resources responsibly and focusing



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on culturally-conscious programming and outreach to the respective communities.

Generally on immigration rights, I have worked closely with immigration defense organizations and have consistently encouraged MPD - all the way to personal conversations with the Chief - to engage with immigrant community leaders, so they can hear concerns and begin a process of rebuilding trust given recent Federal immigration actions in the District.

My education advocacy has been intended to benefit all of our families, including in our immigrant communities. I believe that having a diverse cohort of children and professionals in our schools helps us all. I have been a strong supporter of providing resources for parents and students from non-English speaking households, and for recruiting and supporting teachers from around the world. I also support efforts to build out our network of bilingual schools and diverse offerings of language programming, to foster greater integration of immigrant communities into the tapestry of our city and benefit from their rich cultures.

4. What initiatives will you lead and/or support that benefit Caribbean-American small business owners and workers, particularly in industries where they are heavily represented?

The Committee on Human Services, which I Chair, had oversight of the Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs and Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, and as a member of the Committee on Facilities, of the Mayor's Office for Caribbean Affairs for the FY2026 budget cycle. I worked closely with my colleagues, the Office, as well as the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs and the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (which the Committee now has oversight of) to ensure we support all small businesses, including in our Caribbean community, in our budgets, laws, and regulations. I am proud to have been endorsed by numerous labor unions in my 2022 campaign - including IAFF Local 36, 32BJ SEIU, and the Washington Teachers Union - that represent many



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Caribbean-American workers, and to have worked closely with each of them to support all of their workers and industries throughout my tenure.

5. What support would you provide for Caribbean-American students and parents, including language assistance and help navigating the school system?

We advocate for all of our students and families both to ensure great schools and to try to help address specific issues that arise for a student or family, including members of the Caribbean-American community. That advocacy includes outreach to individual schools, support navigating enrollment processes, and engagement with the Chancellor and Central Office employees, the State Superintendent and OSSE officials, and the Deputy Mayor for Education.

6. How would you advance partnerships with Caribbean-American community organizations to promote mental health, chronic disease prevention, or other wellness initiatives?

I would want to hear from these organizations directly about the challenges they face and the type of policy or communications fixes they would want to see to ensure their communities get the treatment they need and deserve. I, as well as my colleagues on the Council, make a concerted effort to incorporate community specific resources and recommendations into our policies. We rely on these partnerships with community organizations to widen our perspective and certify that we are doing all we can to maximize the efficacy of our programs in their communities.

7. How will you build trust and conduct robust oversight on local, law enforcement to protect the rights, security, and safety of Caribbean-American residents?



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This is a very important and serious issue right now. MPD has stated that it is not working with ICE and does not engage in civil immigration enforcement, but this is not a complete picture of the dynamics at play on the street. All federal law enforcement has been deputized to engage in immigration enforcement and that sometimes happens in close proximity to MPD. I meet regularly with MPD - including the Chief - to press to extricate MPD from these situations. The Chief has said he does not want MPD to be in these situations. The question is how to get out of them without causing a large federal backlash resulting in dramatically increased immigration enforcement. I also work with leaders in the immigration defense community to learn their concerns, track what the experience is on the ground, and share resources with our communities. And, I encourage MPD and the immigration defense community to open lines of communication, to at least start a process of building trust.

More generally, we need more community policing efforts, more non-police intervention mechanisms, greater oversight of police-federal interactions, a more robust police department that includes more representatives of the District's diverse population in leadership roles, and more ways for MPD to engage with organizations, like CPAC, outside of law enforcement operations.

8. What programs, funding opportunities, or policy efforts will you champion that are aimed at improving outcomes for Caribbean-American communities?

The initiatives I champion generally will also benefit the Caribbean-American community specifically.

Addressing housing affordability is one key priority. In that space, I seek to encourage construction of new housing, particularly affordable housing, to increase supply and bring down prices. We must also preserve and improve our existing housing stock and I look for ways to do that without pushing up rents which may require providing loans or grants to landlords in some circumstances. We also need to continue to provide access to



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housing vouchers and shallow rent subsidies to ensure housing is accessible to all, to support the Home Purchase Assistance Program, the Housing Production Trust Fund, and other programs to connect District residents and critical sectors of the workforce with the opportunity to purchase a home in the District.

Strengthening educational opportunities is another key priority, whether that be for early childhood opportunities, K-12 schools, UDC or access to other postsecondary opportunities. An increasing focus for me has been strengthening our adult workforce programs in our effort to connect our residents with work and independence.

I also hope to protect our social safety net in an era when it is under siege by the federal government and to support public safety initiatives, especially those described above to rebuild trust between our communities and MPD.

9. How will you ensure that the Mayor's Office of Caribbean Community Affairs is fully funded, adequately staffed, and realizes its mission?

I share responsibility for oversight of the Mayor's Office of Caribbean Community Affairs, and I support strong oversight, accountability, and full funding for the Office. I hope the Mayor will provide full funding in her budget. If she does not, I will advocate for full funding at the Committee and Councilwide stages of our budget deliberations.

10. Washington, D.C. adopted the [Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022](#), which permits noncitizens who reside in D.C. for at least 30 days before the election and are at least 18 years old to vote for local offices and ballot initiatives. How will you support awareness and implementation of this law?

I support the LRVRA. I can promote awareness through my public announcements and social media posts ahead of the election. I share oversight of DCBOE through my membership on the Committee on



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Executive Administration and Labour, and will use my performance and budget oversight powers to make sure they are adequately prepared and have sufficient resources to implement any changes this cycle and protect everyone's right to vote.