



The Caribbean-American Political Action Committee

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Caribbean-American Political Action Committee (C-PAC) 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: Re-Election, Montgomery County Council District 6

Candidate's Name: Natali Fani-González

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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?

I'm proud to be an inclusive elected official who is always engaging with my community. Besides attending meetings/events put together by our Caribbean-American community, I have been pro-active in intentionally organizing my own events in places that embrace my Caribbean heritage (I was born in Caracas, near the Caribbean Sea, yet my mother was born in the Dominican Republic and my husband is Puerto Rican...the Caribbean is in my soul). An example of such events:

- I sponsored this art-mix open mic at Gisele's Creole Cuisine; they offer authentic Haitian food: <https://www.wheatonmd.org/do/creative-wheaton-art-mix>
- Caribbean-American festival in Wheaton: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DK5RKQMxkV-/>



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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?

These are issues affecting the most vulnerable community members and I have a strong record on them. I'm proud to lead the Montgomery County Council on the fight to protect our immigrant community, including the passage of the Trust Act:

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=48237

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

I'm involved with the Montgomery County Caribbean Community Advisory board, and through this board, which has members of the Caribbean American community, I work to ensure we meet their needs.

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?

I have been focusing on issues dealing with Life Science and Arts/Culture. For the ones related to arts/culture as part of economic development, I have worked with several groups/individuals. This led to the event at Gisele's, for example.

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

In the County, both at County agencies and the school system, we are proud to produce language assistance to help people navigate our systems. This work gets reinforced with our office of community partnerships, which has a Caribbean Community liason.



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

I have taken leadership on issues related to mental health in particular, affecting youth in general who live in my district. For example, getting treatment centers for youth using fentanyl has been a focus for me since I became a Councilmember in December of 2022.

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?

I work closely with our police department and have held numerous community members (from large townhalls with over 200 people to small civic association meetings with 15 people). For most of these meetings, I bring both the police department and the department of Health and Human Services to deal with particular situations. Furthermore, the Trust Act which I authored includes clear regulations of not using our local police as immigration agents.

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

On this, I will continue to highlight my work of using arts/culture as part of our economic agenda. I founded Creative Wheaton, a nonprofit, to ensure we will embrace our diverse community, including our Caribbean-American community, as the force pushing for economic development that serves our community.