



# 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](mailto: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: Montgomery County Council At-Large**  
**Candidate's Name: Scott Evan Goldberg**  
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**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?

If elected, I will strive to build meaningful relationships with everyone in my constituency, Caribbean-Americans included. Beyond attending community events and public gatherings, I will establish ongoing communication channels including regular check-ins, multilingual outreach where needed, and partnerships with trusted messengers, to ensure that residents are informed and included in decision-making. I would also work closely with Caribbean-American business owners, nonprofit leaders, and youth organizations to support economic opportunity, cultural preservation, and leadership development within the community.

Most importantly, I would treat engagement as a continuous relationship, not a seasonal one. By showing up consistently, responding to concerns promptly, and collaborating with Caribbean-American leaders on shared goals. I would work to ensure that the community's voice is reflected in policy discussions and that residents feel seen, respected, and represented.



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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?

I would work with Caribbean-American organizations, faith leaders, and community advocates to identify the most common points where residents fall through the cracks and redesign those touchpoints to be more accessible.

This includes expanding culturally informed outreach, offering multilingual assistance where needed, and partnering with trusted community institutions to host enrollment clinics for healthcare, rental assistance, and other programs. I would also push for clearer, simplified communication from government agencies so residents understand their rights, eligibility, and available services without navigating confusing bureaucracy. In housing and education, my office would collaborate with Caribbean-American nonprofits, tenant advocates, and parent groups to ensure families have direct support when dealing with landlords, school enrollment, or special education services.

Additionally, I would prioritize the creation and maintenance of feedback loops between my office and Caribbean-American leaders. This way, questions and concerns could be addressed in a timely manner. By combining community partnership, culturally competent outreach, and a commitment to simplifying government processes, my office would work to ensure that Caribbean immigrants can access the services they need to thrive.

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

I would make sure every agency delivers culturally responsive services by partnering directly with Caribbean-American leaders, providing County staff with ongoing cultural-competency training, and using trusted community organizations to guide outreach and communication. I'd also suggest that agencies gather feedback from Caribbean residents regularly and adjust programs based on what the community says they need, ensuring services are respectful, accessible, and rooted in real lived experience.



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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 would focus on strengthening communication between county agencies and Caribbean-American small business owners and workers, especially in industries where they are heavily represented. Working with small businesses is a passion of mine, and Caribbean-American Businesses are no different. This means making sure information about licensing, grants, workforce training, and county requirements is clear, accessible, and delivered through applicable channels. By improving communication, building trust, and ensuring that county agencies engage the community consistently and respectfully, we can help Caribbean-American entrepreneurs and workers access the resources they need to succeed.

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

At the beginning of the day of a substitute teaching assignment, in the instructions, the teacher wrote that there was a new student from Haiti who spoke no English; only French and Haitian Creole but zero English. In a school system with a robust French immersion program, it was disappointing that she wasn't placed in one of these classes so she could understand what was being taught. As a substitute teacher and a father of two kids in our public schools, I see every day how overwhelming the system can be. I want to focus on making sure families never have to navigate the system alone. That means making language help easy to access, not something parents have to chase down. It means having staff who understand Caribbean cultures, accents, and communication styles so parents feel respected, not judged. And it means creating warm, welcoming spaces where parents can ask questions, even the ones they're embarrassed to ask, and get real guidance from someone who listens. My goal would be to make sure every Caribbean-American family feels seen, supported, and confident that their child has someone in their corner.

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



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As the husband of a therapist, I've learned how much trust matters when people reach out for help. That perspective shapes how I would approach partnerships with Caribbean-American community organizations. I would focus on building relationships that feel safe, culturally grounded, and respectful, because I know from my own family's experience that people open up only when they feel understood.

I would work directly with Caribbean-American churches, cultural associations, and wellness groups to make sure mental health information is shared in ways that feel familiar and stigma-free. That includes supporting community-led conversations about stress, trauma, and chronic disease prevention, and making sure residents know where to turn before a crisis hits. I'd also prioritize bringing mental-health professionals, especially those with Caribbean backgrounds or cultural competency, into community spaces where families already gather, rather than expecting people to navigate the system alone.

Most importantly, I would listen. Caribbean-American organizations know what their communities need, and my role would be to amplify their voices, connect them with county resources, and make sure the support we offer is compassionate, accessible, and rooted in real lived experience.

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?

As someone who believes in giving law enforcement the space to do their job professionally, I also believe just as strongly in stepping in when that line is crossed. Building trust with Caribbean-American residents starts with clear communication, transparency, and consistent oversight. I would support law enforcement officers who serve with integrity, while making sure there are strong, independent systems in place to review complaints, monitor patterns, and address misconduct quickly and fairly. I would also work closely with Caribbean-American community leaders to ensure residents feel safe reporting concerns and know their rights will be protected. By backing good policing and holding the system accountable, when necessary, we can strengthen trust, improve safety,



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and ensure every Caribbean-American resident is treated with dignity and respect.

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

I will champion every one that I can! Specifically, I would champion efforts that strengthen the connection between county government and Caribbean-American communities by focusing on communication that is clear, culturally grounded, and genuinely two-way. Too often, programs and funding opportunities exist on paper but never reach the people they're meant to help. My priority would be making sure Caribbean-American residents, small business owners, parents, and workers actually *hear about* these opportunities, understand them, and feel comfortable accessing them. My focus is on building trust, improving access, and making sure county efforts are guided by the voices of Caribbean-American families themselves, not assumptions made from the outside.