



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: County Council At-Large

Candidate's Name: Matt Losak

Current Occupation: Executive Director Renters Alliance

Party: Democratic

Campaign contact information (1001 Spring Street, 316, Silver Spring, MD, 20901, www.MattforCouncil.com, Info@mattforcouncil.com):

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

As the co-founder and executive director of the Renters Alliance, I have worked in and engage with every community in Montgomery County including Caribbean-Americans. I participate in Caribbean festivals and cultural activities, but as a Councilmember, I would meet directing with local leaders and organizations to listen and support requests for government support and service.

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 do not distinguish between immigrant, non immigrant or any other category of our residents when seeking Renters Alliance services and would do the same as a Councilmember. All residents have a right to receive entitled services equally and to be treated with dignity and respect. I naturally oppose any barrier that targets residents, or becomes an obstacle to resident because of the race, religion, national origin, gender or any other category.

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

To the extent there are unique issues facing a community, including language barriers, cultural traditions and perspectives, I and my staff will ensure an understanding and sensitivity to these issues when providing outreach and support. I have lived and worked in Africa as a Peace Corps Volunteer, and traveled throughout the Caribbean and other parts of the world. I have also



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received and led numerous cross-cultural trainings and am well versed in cultural sensitivity issues. But at the end of the day, we are all human beings and I am confident that my experience and training combined with our common humanity will bind our common interests together.

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 am a strong support of making it easier for small business to thrive and will focus my attention on streamlining permitting and troubleshooting for new business seeking county support and compliance issues.

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

As a former teacher I strongly support ensuring that students and parents have access to the education system, including providing language service and English instruction. No student or parent should be prevented from MCPS engagement and resources because of a language or perceived cultural barrier.

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

As with all community members and organizations, I will participate in community events and promote connections between groups and individuals to available resources. That said, I will also be a strong advocate, as I have heading the region's first and only renters' rights organization dedicated exclusively to renter outreach, education and organizing, to address any obstacles and to advocate for resources that may be need to address unique needs.

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 have and maintain close relations with the county police. I support civilian oversight and frequently promote dialogues between policy and community organizations including my own to increase trust and confidence as well as accountability to the communities MCPD serves.



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

In addition to improving overall government efficiency and responsiveness, I will work to strengthen support for our nonprofit community to increase equity and to strengthen community services county government relies on to increase service capacity.