



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: Montgomery County Council At-Large

Candidate's Name: Prabu Selvam

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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?

As the son of immigrants, I deeply understand how important it is to engage directly with members of the Caribbean-American community to understand the unique needs that your families have. I work in the humanitarian sector and have spent time in Jamaica both after Hurricane Beryl and just a few months ago worked with hard-hit communities there after Hurricane Melissa. I have built deep friendships and connections in the Caribbean, and its people are close to my heart. I am also conversational in Spanish and have done extensive work in Puerto Rico as well, with close personal and professional ties there. In my work I also support medical relief teams in Haiti, with a deep appreciation for the resilience and warmth of the Haitian people. I regularly collaborate with my colleagues there located in Grand'Anse. From these experiences, Caribbean-Americans are my people and I will always lean on your community leaders for guidance, and will serve as a courageous advocate for your needs.

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?

On housing, I will expand the MPDU program to projects with 10+ units, potentially doubling affordable housing production, and double funding for the Housing Assistance Fund to provide \$25,000 forgivable loans for first-time buyers. I will also push just-cause eviction protections to prevent displacement and stabilize immigrant families .



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To ensure immigrants can safely access services, I will fully enforce the Trust Act and create a county-funded legal defense team to protect residents from ICE actions and connect families to legal and social services. This builds the trust necessary for people to seek healthcare, education, and housing support without fear.

In healthcare, I will expand the workforce by 25% through targeted grants and education fast track programs, launch a Safe Pregnancy Task Force to address disparities facing Black and Latina mothers, and increase hospital capacity to reduce ER wait times in underserved areas.

In education and social services, I will create the Lift Every Learner Task Force to close achievement gaps and invest in workforce pipelines for early childhood, special education, and caregiver services, ensuring immigrant families can access high-quality programs.

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

Ensuring language access and cultural competence at county offices is critical as a foundation, and I will ensure this is a requirement for non-profits that receive county funds as well. In addition to this I will work with DHHS and other agencies to prioritize community-based outreach so that services reach community members in a proactive manner. This includes health education as well as political outreach to get meaningful input from Caribbean-American families when developing county policies.

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 will empower immigrant entrepreneurs—especially women and minority business owners—by dramatically expanding access to funding, support, and opportunity. This includes significantly increasing investment in the Small Business Plus and Founders Fund programs, alongside low- and no-interest loans targeted to historically underserved communities. I will also create a one-stop business portal so residents can access grants, financing, and permitting through a single, streamlined application. By prioritizing immigrant, women, and minority-owned businesses, I will help unlock economic mobility for all.

I will also prioritize education, workforce training and business start-up grants for childcare, early childhood education and home-based health services. These are critical professions heavily represented by Caribbean-Americans, and these policies will allow those individuals to grow professionally and also become entrepreneurs in what I call the “caregiver economy”.



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

A major goal of my campaign is to close the achievement gap faced by immigrant and minority communities by creating the Lift Every Learner Task Force. The mission will be to provide parents and students the support they need to navigate institutional, language and other barriers to their education. A major part of this is also legal aid and protections for immigrant communities so students feel safe and can focus in school.

Our children from African-American or Latino backgrounds face a 50% gap in math performance and 30% gap in language arts, when compared to children from Asian-American or White families. This is unacceptable. We are failing our children, now let's hold ourselves accountable to create change.

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

As an ER physician and public health professional, this is a major priority for me. I have delivered medical care during crises in Caribbean countries, so I am well versed in providing culturally-informed healthcare and education to communities that have limited healthcare access or awareness. This will require community-based outreach from county agencies and nonprofit groups and public advocacy on the part of political leaders to bring awareness and resources to urgent health needs in the community. I will be a champion for these efforts and personally take responsibility for this work.

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?

In addition to enforcing the Trust Act and anti-287G legislation so immigrant community members feel safe engaging with local authorities, I will advocate for recruitment of law enforcement officers from the communities they serve. Providing educational grants upfront is a promising incentive for more diverse community members to enter those law enforcement roles. I will also ensure that there is public oversight of law enforcement actions so that bad actors are dealt with immediately and cannot cause harm to communities.

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



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I will champion targeted investments that improve outcomes for Caribbean-American communities across housing, economic opportunity, healthcare, and education.

This includes expanding affordable housing, increased homeownership support, and just-cause eviction protections to prevent displacement. I will also increase funding for small business grants and low-interest loans, paired with a one-stop access system, to support Caribbean entrepreneurs and workers.

To improve health and education outcomes, I will invest in workforce pipelines, expand healthcare access, and launch initiatives like the Safe Pregnancy Task Force and Lift Every Learner Task Force to address disparities affecting Black and immigrant communities.

Finally, I will strengthen community trust and access to services by enforcing the Trust Act, creating a legal defense team, and building partnerships with local organizations to ensure Caribbean-American residents can fully access county resources and opportunities .