



# 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: Steve Solomon**

**Current Occupation: Candidate for County Council**

**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 to the Montgomery County Council, I would make it a priority to build genuine, lasting relationships with Caribbean-American residents by showing up consistently—attending community events, partnering with local organizations, and making sure leaders and residents alike feel they can easily reach me and my office. Over the last several years, I have been involved in numerous civic, community, and political groups, and will continue that if elected.

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?

Improving outreach to the community across numerous sectors is one of my priorities. I will be working on creating more opportunities and access to affordable housing, healthcare, and social programs for all those who need it.



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

Building trust with the community is important on all levels. I have worked in some capacity with the Gilchrist center, law enforcement, and the Office of Community Partnerships in the past.

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?

Growing our economy is my top priority. This involves making it easier for small businesses to start and grow in Montgomery County. This is done by streamlining our permitting process and reducing inspection times. Many of our small business owners and workers in Montgomery County are Caribbean-American, and this would greatly benefit them.

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

Some of my education priorities include more vocational and STEM classes so that our students are more prepared for real world jobs. We need to reduce class size and the number of classes each teacher has to allow them to focus more individually on students.

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

I would collaborate and work with the Caribbean American Advisory Group, as well as work on putting more resources in places people are already going – community centers, mental health nonprofits, and the Gilchrist Center.



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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?

Immigrant communities of all backgrounds are under threat right now from the federal government. Montgomery County has to stand on the front lines of that. As a County Councilmember I would work with law enforcement and all affected communities to protect people's rights.

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

I have worked on the Grants Advisory Board in the past, and have worked with a nonprofit who has applied for county grants. We can more with the Office of Grants Management to provide more from the Caribbean-American community in terms of food, mental health, and small business grants.