



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: Prince George's County Council District 1

Candidate's Name: Darwin Romero

Current Occupation: Contract Manager

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?

Engagement must be intentional and ongoing. As Councilmember, I will establish regular community roundtables with Caribbean-American organizations, faith leaders, and civic groups to ensure their voices are consistently heard in policy discussions. My office will maintain open communication through community meetings, culturally inclusive events, and partnerships with local organizations that already serve Caribbean residents.

In addition, I will create a community advisory network that includes Caribbean-American leaders so that my office receives direct feedback on emerging issues, policy proposals, and community needs. Engagement cannot happen only during election cycles—it must be built into how government operates every day.

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?

Many immigrant communities face barriers such as language access, lack of information about available services, or difficulty navigating government systems. My office will work with county agencies to expand multilingual outreach, improve culturally appropriate service delivery, and ensure that residents know what programs are available to them.



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I will also advocate for stronger partnerships between local government and trusted community-based organizations that already serve Caribbean residents. These organizations are often the most effective bridge between government resources and the community. By improving coordination and outreach, we can ensure families receive the support they need in healthcare, housing, education, and social services.

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

Culturally responsive services begin with listening to the communities being served. I will advocate for training, outreach, and hiring practices that reflect the diversity of our county. Agencies should engage directly with Caribbean-American organizations and leaders to understand community needs and cultural considerations.

My office will work to ensure agencies regularly review service delivery, language access, and outreach strategies to make sure they are reaching Caribbean-American residents effectively. By strengthening communication between government agencies and community organizations, we can build services that are inclusive, respectful, and responsive.

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?

Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy, and many Caribbean-American entrepreneurs play a vital role in industries such as food service, transportation, construction, healthcare, and retail.

I will support initiatives that expand access to capital, technical assistance, and small business development programs. My office will also work to ensure Caribbean-American entrepreneurs are aware of county procurement opportunities and business support resources.

Additionally, I will advocate for policies that strengthen local commercial corridors and attract new investment so that small businesses have the infrastructure and customer base they need to grow and succeed.



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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?

Parents should feel empowered to participate fully in their children’s education. I support expanding language access, parent engagement programs, and community outreach to ensure families understand the resources available through our school system.

Schools should partner with community organizations and cultural groups to strengthen communication with Caribbean-American families. I will also advocate for mentorship, internship, and academic support programs that connect students with opportunities across Prince George’s County and the broader region.

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

Community-based organizations are essential partners in promoting public health. I will work to connect county health agencies with Caribbean-American organizations, faith institutions, and community leaders to support outreach on mental health, preventative care, and chronic disease awareness.

Through collaboration, we can expand culturally relevant health education programs, increase access to screenings and resources, and ensure residents feel comfortable seeking care when they need it.

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?

Public safety depends on trust between communities and law enforcement. I support strong oversight, transparency, and open communication between police departments and the communities they serve.

As Councilmember, I will support policies that encourage community policing, regular dialogue between law enforcement and community leaders, and



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accountability mechanisms that ensure residents' rights are protected. Safety and trust must go hand in hand.

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

I will support policies that expand access to education, workforce development, small business support, and healthcare resources—areas that strengthen opportunities for families across our county.

I will also advocate for equitable funding for community-based programs that serve immigrant and multicultural communities. By investing in education, entrepreneurship, public health, and economic development, we can ensure Caribbean-American residents—and all residents of District 1—have the opportunity to succeed and thrive.