



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 9

Candidate's Name: Lolita E. Walker

Current Occupation: Leadership Strategist & Coach, Educator, and Former Vice Chair & Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education

Party: Democratic

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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 someone whose father and family immigrated from Westmoreland, Jamaica, Caribbean values of family, faith, hard work, and community service were foundational in my upbringing. Growing up, we traveled back to Jamaica regularly, which grounded me in the understanding that opportunity is something to be appreciated and protected.

If elected, I will prioritize engagement through my campaign framework: Connect. Build. Thrive. Together, while ensuring that communication and consistency are at the forefront.

- Connect intentionally. That means regularly meeting with Caribbean-American community leaders, churches, cultural organizations, and business groups across District 9. I plan to host community roundtables and listening sessions that ensure Caribbean voices are part of policy conversations.
- Build relationships that lead to action. My office will maintain strong partnerships with Caribbean civic groups and cultural organizations so we can collaborate on community priorities such as education access, small business development, and public health.



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- Thrive together by making sure residents understand how county policies impact their families and by creating open, transparent communication between residents and government.

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?

My office will become a bridge to communication and opportunity. Barriers often arise from a lack of awareness, support, and culturally responsive outreach. Through my Connect, Build, Thrive framework, I would focus on three priorities.

1. Connect residents to resources. My office will partner with community organizations, churches, and immigrant-serving groups to ensure Caribbean residents know what services are available and how to access them.
2. Build stronger relationships and coordination between county agencies and communities. It can be confusing to navigate the variety of systems related to constituent needs; thus, my office will work to improve communication and coordination across agencies and departments to expand information sharing.
3. Ensure communities thrive equitably. That includes supporting policies that expand access to affordable housing, public health services, and workforce development opportunities so families can thrive in the long-term.

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

All communities want to feel heard and seen, and see action as a result. Culturally responsive services demand intentional listening, representation, and accountability.

My office will:

- Connect with communities directly. Through community connections, the Caribbean communities will be invited to engage.



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- Build cultural competence. This means cultural diversity education and training for public employees.
- Thrive within our communities through respect. This involves ensuring that language access, outreach efforts, and community partnerships accurately reflect the experiences of our Caribbean residents.

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?

Caribbean small businesses are a vital contributor to our local Prince George's County economy. My approach focuses on building opportunity while ensuring businesses thrive.

- Connect entrepreneurs to resources. This includes information sharing about county small business programs, technical assistance, financial assistance, and procurement opportunities.
- Build economic ecosystems that support local business growth. That includes partnerships with local banking institutions to improve access to capital, partnering with agencies to simplify the licensing processes, and supporting minority- and immigrant-owned businesses in county contracting opportunities.
- Thrive through shared prosperity. Small businesses strengthen neighborhoods, create jobs, and contribute to the commercial tax base that funds essential public services and balances homeowner property taxes.

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

As a former Vice Chair and Chair of the Prince George's County Board of Education, I understand the importance of ensuring every family can navigate the school system confidently and effectively. I will provide the following support:

- Connect parents to information and resources. Families must understand how to access programs, services, resources, key contacts, and opportunities available for their scholars.



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- Build partnerships between schools and communities. There is power in schools and parent organizations collaborating with cultural organizations and community leaders to support the educational experiences of our scholars.
- Thrive academically and personally. This includes supporting language assistance when needed, partnering with the public school system and board of education resources to increase family engagement, and ensuring scholars and their families feel supported and represented in their educational pursuits.

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

- Connect. This can be advanced through community organizations, coffee clubs, hospitals, senior centers, churches, and cultural groups, who already have established trust and comfort with community members, particularly when talking about personal topics such as mental health, chronic disease, and wellness.
- Build. This includes partnerships between these organizations and public health agencies to increase awareness of available services.
- Thrive. This can be advanced through education and outreach. Expanding outreach and culturally responsive programming will assist families in receiving the preventative support needed before health challenges escalate.

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?

Oversight to protect the rights, security, and safety of all residents is essential and paramount to ensuring safety and trust within our communities. I will build upon transparency, engagement, and accountability by:

- Connecting law enforcement agencies with community leaders to ensure ongoing dialogue about safety concerns, including the awareness of local organizations who partner with law enforcement for community knowledge sharing.



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- Build a stronger oversight and accountability mechanism by establishing law enforcement touchpoints that ensure policing practices, complaints, and actions that protect the rights of our constituents.
- Thrive in environments where relationships between community members and law enforcement is commonplace. This means community forum awareness, partnerships, and relationship building to enable trust.

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

Through my campaign framework, “Connect. Build. Thrive. Together.” my goal is to ensure Caribbean-American residents remain active partners in creating the future of Prince George’s County, while ensuring that we strengthen our entire community. This includes supporting policies that:

- Promote equitable housing and economic development policies
- Expand small business development
- Increase awareness and partnerships for entrepreneurship opportunities
- Strengthen educational access and workforce career opportunities
- Improve preventative care education, programs, and outreach