



# 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: County Council District 9**

**Candidate's Name: Eleanor Washington**

**Current Occupation: Educator**

**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?

**I will build ongoing, two-way engagement with Caribbean-American residents by meeting people where they are. That includes regular community circles, multilingual outreach sessions, and quarterly roundtables with Caribbean civic groups, faith leaders, and small business owners. I will also maintain a standing advisory group of Caribbean-American residents to ensure their perspectives shape policy decisions year-round. My office will prioritize visibility at cultural events, neighborhood associations, and local schools to strengthen trust and partnership.**

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?

**Caribbean immigrants often face barriers related to language access, documentation challenges, and limited awareness of available services. My office will work to expand culturally competent navigators across agencies, strengthen translation and interpretation services, and partner with trusted community organizations to host resource clinics on healthcare enrollment, housing assistance, and social programs. I will also advocate for clearer, simplified county communication so families can access services without unnecessary delays or confusion.**

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

**I will champion countywide cultural competency standards that include training on Caribbean history, dialects, and community norms for frontline staff in health, education, housing, and law enforcement. I will push for data collection that accurately reflects Caribbean-American populations so agencies can tailor services to real needs. Additionally, I will support hiring**



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### **practices that increase representation of Caribbean-American professionals across county departments**

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-American entrepreneurs are vital to our local economy, especially in food service, transportation, childcare, home care, and construction. I will advocate for expanded access to county grants, technical assistance, and procurement opportunities for Caribbean-owned businesses. I will also support workforce development programs that help workers gain certifications, access capital, and navigate licensing processes. My goal is to ensure Caribbean-American businesses can grow, hire locally, and build generational wealth.**

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

**6. Families deserve a school system that is accessible and welcoming. I will work with Prince George's County Public Schools to expand language assistance for parents who speak Creole, Patois, or other Caribbean dialects. I will support parent navigators who help families understand special education services, enrollment processes, and academic pathways. I will also advocate for culturally relevant curriculum and programs that celebrate Caribbean heritage and affirm students' identities.**

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

**8. Caribbean-American communities experience disproportionate rates of hypertension, diabetes, and stress-related conditions. I will partner with Caribbean churches, nonprofits, and health organizations to host mobile clinics, mental health workshops, and chronic disease prevention programs. My office will also support culturally tailored outreach campaigns that address stigma around mental health and encourage early intervention.**

9. How will you build trust and conduct robust oversight on local, law enforcement to protect the rights, security, and safety of Caribbean-American residents?

**10. Safety and trust must go hand in hand. I will advocate for transparent data reporting, stronger civilian oversight, and community-centered policing practices that respect the rights and dignity of Caribbean-American residents. I will support training on cultural competency, de-escalation, and immigrant rights. My office will maintain an open-door policy for residents to report concerns and will work closely with oversight bodies to ensure accountability and fairness.**



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11. What programs, funding opportunities, or policy efforts will you champion that are aimed at improving outcomes for Caribbean-American communities?
12. **I will champion policies that expand economic opportunity, improve health outcomes, and strengthen community infrastructure for Caribbean-American families. This includes increasing funding for immigrant-serving nonprofits, supporting affordable housing initiatives, expanding youth and senior programs, and ensuring equitable access to county grants and contracts. I will also advocate for transportation improvements and community development projects that benefit neighborhoods with significant Caribbean-American populations.**