

**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.

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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?

When elected, I will maintain regular engagement with Caribbean-American residents through community roundtables, town halls, and partnerships with local Caribbean civic and cultural organizations. I will also establish a Caribbean Community Advisory Group to ensure that community leaders have a direct voice in shaping policy decisions.

Prince George's County is strengthened by the culture, entrepreneurship, and leadership of Caribbean residents. My office will celebrate Caribbean heritage events, support cultural institutions, and maintain ongoing dialogue to ensure that policies reflect the needs and priorities of the Caribbean-American community.

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 Caribbean immigrants face barriers such as language access, lack of awareness of available services, and difficulty navigating government systems. My office will work with county agencies to expand language assistance, improve outreach through trusted community organizations, and ensure that residents are aware of available programs.

We must also strengthen access to affordable housing, healthcare, and workforce training programs so Caribbean families have the opportunity to thrive and fully participate in the county's economy.

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

Culturally responsive services require training, representation, and accountability. I will advocate for expanded cultural competency training across county agencies and encourage recruitment of employees who reflect the diversity of Prince George's County.

My office will also work with community organizations and faith leaders to provide feedback to government agencies so services are delivered in ways that respect the cultural traditions and experiences of Caribbean-American 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-American entrepreneurs play a major role in industries such as healthcare, transportation, hospitality, construction, and small retail. I will support initiatives that expand access to capital, technical assistance, and county contracts for minority-owned businesses.

I also support workforce development programs and apprenticeship opportunities that help Caribbean-American workers secure good-paying jobs and build long-term economic stability for their families.

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

Education is one of the most powerful pathways to opportunity. I support expanded language access services, parent engagement programs, and mentorship initiatives that help families navigate the school system.

Through partnerships with community organizations and local leaders, we can ensure that Caribbean-American students receive the academic support, college preparation, and career guidance they need to succeed.

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

Community organizations and faith institutions play an essential role in promoting health awareness and wellness. My office will support partnerships with these organizations to expand programs focused on mental health, chronic disease prevention, and access to healthcare resources.

Outreach efforts must be culturally informed and delivered through trusted community leaders to ensure residents feel comfortable accessing services and support.

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?

Trust between communities and law enforcement is essential for public safety. My background as a military officer and police officer gives me a deep understanding of the importance of accountability and professionalism in policing.

As a member of the County Council, I will support strong oversight, transparency, and community engagement to ensure law enforcement protects the rights, safety, and dignity of all residents, including Caribbean-American communities.

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

I will champion policies that expand economic opportunity, support minority-owned businesses, strengthen workforce development programs, and improve access to affordable housing and healthcare.

I also support increased investment in youth mentorship, scholarships, and educational programs that empower the next generation of Caribbean-American leaders. By working closely with community organizations, we can ensure that Caribbean families continue to thrive and contribute to the strength and prosperity of Prince George's County.

FINALLY I WANT TO SAY:

Prince George's County is proud to be home to a vibrant Caribbean community representing nations such as Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Haiti, Guyana, Barbados, and many others. Caribbean Americans have enriched our county through entrepreneurship, public service, culture, and strong family values. If elected, I will work to ensure that Caribbean residents are fully represented in county decision-making, that their businesses and workers have opportunities to grow, and that their children have access to excellent schools and opportunities to succeed. By partnering with Caribbean leaders and

organizations, we can continue building a county where every community is respected and empowered to thrive.