

C-PAC 2026 Candidate Questionnaire Responses

Office Sought:
Prince George's County Executive

Candidate's Name:
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Party:
Democratic

1. Engagement with Caribbean-American Constituents

As County Executive, my administration is transforming the relationship between Prince George's County and our vibrant Caribbean-American community from one of periodic consultation to one of true governing partnership. While current advisory structures have provided a necessary foundation, we must evolve beyond merely listening to actively co-creating the county's future. It is time to bridge the gap between community insight and actual government policy by institutionalizing the Caribbean-American voice within our County.

My office is moving beyond the traditional town hall format to establish a dynamic, responsive network of collaboration. We are formalizing partnerships with faith institutions, cultural organizations, and grassroots advocates. By consistently showing up at cultural events, places of worship, and community forums, I am committing to a new standard of transparency and presence. My administration is not just talking about diversity; we will ensure that the power of the Caribbean-American community is reflected in every service and every policy move we make to serve the people of Prince George's County.

I established the Office of Multicultural Affairs to provide support and assistance to the immigrant community in the County, furthering my mission to bring a transparent, easily accessible, and accountable government to the immigrant community. And I appointed Suzanne Matthews as the first Caribbean in Prince George's County history. As the daughter of an immigrant, I know the American Dream belongs to us all.

2. Addressing Barriers to Public Services

Caribbean immigrant families contribute so much to our county, yet they often face systemic barriers when accessing essential services like healthcare, housing, and social support. It is not enough for these programs to exist on paper. My administration will prioritize the hard work of bridging the gap between available resources and the families who need them most.

We are conducting an outreach campaign to ensure every family is aware of it and can easily navigate public health programs. Furthermore, we are working to develop more affordable housing by leveraging county/federal resources through strategic partnerships with developers.

My administration's focus is accessibility, because when we connect our neighbors to the tools they need, we build a stronger, more economically stable Prince George's County for everyone.

3. Ensuring Culturally Responsive Services

Prince George's County is a vibrant mosaic of cultures, and our government must be as nuanced and diverse as the people we serve. To move beyond surface-level initiatives, my administration is institutionalizing cultural responsiveness as a core competency through the above-mentioned Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Our cultural liaisons serve as an ongoing resource to specific underserved and underrepresented communities throughout Prince George's County. Each liaison provides advocacy, support, and assistance in advancing the County suite of services. That's why I appointed Suzanne Matthews as the first Caribbean in Prince George's County history.

4. Supporting Caribbean Small Businesses and Workers

Caribbean-American entrepreneurs are, and continue to be, the lifeblood of our local economy, yet their vast potential is too often bottlenecked by a lack of access to institutional knowledge and growth capital.

My administration has already taken steps to redefine the imbalance that exists between county government and small local businesses. I have reorganized our county procurement team, brought in two federal government procurement veterans, and directed them to focus our attention on local Prince George's County based businesses. We are demystifying the county contracting landscape, ensuring that Caribbean-owned businesses are not just aware of opportunities, but are strategically positioned to compete for, win, and execute high-value contracts that keep wealth circulating within our county borders.

5. Support for Caribbean-American Students and Parents

Education is the single most powerful engine for upward mobility, yet it thrives only when we foster a holistic ecosystem that bridges the classroom and the home. My administration will shift the paradigm from viewing parents as passive observers to positioning them as essential, supported partners in our children's academic success. I will maintain efforts to strengthen family engagement and public trust through a strategy of transparency, proactive communication, and accountability. My approach is to shift the school system away from isolated decision-making and toward a unified government model that places students and family input at the forefront of governmental attention.

To ensure our youth are prepared for the future, we will work to transform our traditional summer youth employment model into a robust, year-round workforce development pipeline. I have already set aside \$1 million in my FY'27 budget for a Summer Youth Enrichment Program (SYEP). These are summer jobs for youth ages 14-22 focusing on job readiness and enhancing

the work environment experience.

6. Mental Health and Wellness Partnerships

Mental health is a fundamental pillar of community resilience, yet for too many Caribbean-American families, it remains shrouded in silence due to persistent cultural stigma and systemic barriers. My administration is shifting the narrative from one of secrecy to one of proactive, holistic care. Under our Equitable Communities Initiative, my new budget for FY'27 includes \$24.2 million in funding to support mental health, addiction, and substance abuse programs.

7. Oversight and Trust in Law Enforcement

I intend to protect the rights, security and safety of all Prince George's County residents. True public safety is built on the bedrock of trust, yet for many Caribbean-American residents, the relationship with law enforcement is defined by historical skepticism and a lack of transparency. As State's Attorney, I prioritized accountability, transparency, and community engagement as the pillars of my work, and as County Executive, I will continue to elevate that commitment.

Police Officers accused of violence and misconduct must be held accountable, but I do not necessarily believe the civilian review boards are the best mechanism. The current Police Accountability Board reviews these complaints and makes recommendations. And that system is working.

As State's Attorney, I prosecuted police officers that engaged in egregious acts of misconduct. As County Executive, I will protect the rights of all county immigrants, regardless of status.

8. Programs and Policy Efforts for Caribbean Communities

The strength of Prince George's County is derived directly from the vibrant diversity of its people, and our Caribbean-American community is an essential pillar of our economic and cultural fabric. To build a future that delivers for every resident, my administration will move beyond traditional initiatives. We will move the needle on affordability and opportunity by championing inclusive economic growth to help Caribbean-American entrepreneurs navigate the hurdles of procurement (as we have mentioned above).

These efforts will be complemented by our commitment to affordable housing and health and wellness. Prince George's County thrives only when every community has the infrastructure to succeed and the voice to hold its government accountable. My administration this fiscal year is investing in public infrastructure (police stations, roads, libraries, schools) to ensure a more equitable, resilient, and prosperous county for everyone.