

Office Sought: Governor - Maryland

Candidate's Name: Eric Felber/ Latrece Hawkins Lytes

Current Occupation: Physician/ Nonprofit Diabetes Educator-Advocate

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?

Our slogan is Maryland First. We fight for all citizens of Maryland, especially ones left behind by the current administration. We fight for jobs and businesses, higher wages, local businesses and families, renewable energy, and safer streets. We will fight for Caribbean-American constituents, groups, local leaders, and organizations in Maryland.

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?

Our top priority is immigrants and those affected by ICE in our state. We will protect them and fight for them. Healthcare, affordable housing, and education are our top priorities. Our goal is to make sure everyone has access and no one is disproportionately affected. Eric Felber and Latrece Hawkins have decades of experience in community healthcare while protecting and advocating for the community.

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

We will ensure culturally responsive services for Caribbean-American residents across agencies by fighting for available resources for all those in need.

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?

We will protect business and jobs while the current administration has been unresponsive to them. Small business owners and workers have been ignored and we will not allow that to happen to Caribbean-American business owners and workers.

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

Caribbean-American students and parents will receive language assistance and help navigating the school system along with any other resources needed. Latrece and Eric work hard for all of the citizens of Maryland to enable healthcare and education to be accessible to everyone.

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

Latrece and Eric have spent decades working in chronic disease prevention, mental health and other wellness initiatives. Latrece has run a nonprofit advocating for organ transplant and diabetes education. Mental health is another top priority of ours that is underfunded and understaffed.

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?

We also believe strongly in criminal justice reform. This includes robust oversight on local law enforcement to protect the rights, security, and safety of Caribbean-American residents.

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

We fully support funding opportunities and programs to support Caribbean-American communities. Our priorities are safe affordable housing, free public education and transportation, protection of jobs and businesses, justice reform and oversight of law enforcement.