



# 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: Maryland Governor**

**Candidate's Name: Pastor Shannon Wright**

**Current Occupation: Caretaker**

**Party: Republican**

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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?**

We will proactively and consistently engage Caribbean-American constituents by anchoring our work in the pulse and memory of the diaspora, honoring a people shaped by journey, ingenuity, and faith. We will build trust through sustained partnerships with Caribbean civic organizations, professional networks, and respected community voices, keeping communication alive through WhatsApp, diaspora radio, and the newspapers that carry our stories across generations. We will establish a quarterly Caribbean-American Community Roundtable to keep dialogue open and the bridge between leadership and lived experience strong, and we will co-create a policy agenda that reflects the community's legacy of migration, entrepreneurship, education, and spiritual resilience — ensuring our relationship is not transactional, but a year-round commitment rooted in respect, cultural fluency, and shared purpose.

**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?**

We will take on the gaps that leave too many immigrant families feeling overlooked — whether it's language creating barriers, systems that feel confusing, or support that doesn't reflect who we are or how we live. We will bring information into trusted community spaces and advocate for providers who understand our stories. We will work to make housing access clearer and fairer, with protections against discrimination that harms immigrant



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families. We will stand with parents and students by ensuring they receive guidance that respects their background and recognizes the value of foreign credentials, and we will clear away the red tape that keeps families from the help they are already eligible for. We will do all of this because every family deserves dignity, clarity, and a real chance to build a good life.

### **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 by making sure every agency — from health and education to housing and law enforcement — understands the people they serve. We will bring information into trusted community spaces and advocate for providers and public servants who recognize the cultural experiences that shape our families. We will push for training built with real input from Caribbean communities, so support feels respectful, familiar, and accessible. We will also create clear lines of communication and real accountability, making sure residents can speak up about what's working and what needs to change. We will do this because every family deserves to be met with dignity, understanding, and services that truly reflect who they are.

### **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 support Caribbean-American small business owners and workers by investing in the sectors where they drive so much of our local economy. We will expand access to capital by pushing for fair lending, micro-grants, and technical assistance programs that meet entrepreneurs where they are. We will work with community organizations to bring business training, licensing support, and financial literacy workshops directly into trusted spaces. We will also advocate for stronger worker protections, clearer pathways to certification, and partnerships that connect Caribbean-American talent to good-paying jobs and contracts. We will do this because when small businesses and workers in our community thrive, entire neighborhoods rise with them.

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



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We will support Caribbean-American students and parents by making the school system easier to navigate. We will work with schools to provide language assistance that respects the way families communicate, whether through translation, interpretation, or culturally familiar outreach. We will bring in support so parents don't have to struggle alone with forms, deadlines, or unfamiliar processes. We will push for guidance counselors and educators who recognize the value of foreign credentials and understand the cultural expectations that shape how Caribbean families approach education. We will also advocate for clearer communication, stronger family engagement, and real support for students who need help adjusting to a new school environment. We will do this because every child deserves a fair shot, and every parent deserves to feel seen, respected, and equipped to help their child succeed.

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

We will advance partnerships with Caribbean-American community organizations by working directly with the groups that families already trust to promote mental health, chronic disease prevention, and overall wellness. We will collaborate with faith leaders, cultural associations, and local nonprofits to bring workshops, screenings, and resources into familiar community spaces, reducing the stigma and confusion that often surround health services. We will support training for providers and community partners so they understand the cultural experiences that shape how Caribbean families talk about stress, illness, and care. We will also help build bridges between community organizations and public agencies, ensuring they have the tools, funding, and support needed to offer programs that truly meet people where they are. We will do this because wellness is not just about services — it's about trust, access, and honoring the cultural strengths that keep our communities resilient.

### **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 will build trust and strengthen oversight of local law enforcement by making sure Caribbean-American residents are treated with dignity, fairness, and transparency at every point of contact. We will work with community leaders to create regular, open dialogue between residents and law enforcement so concerns can be raised early and addressed honestly. We will push for training that reflects the cultural experiences of Caribbean families, helping officers understand the histories, communication styles,



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and community norms that shape interactions. We will also support independent oversight, clear accountability measures, and transparent reporting so the public can see how decisions are made and how complaints are handled. We will do this because safety is built on trust, and every resident deserves to feel protected, respected, and heard.

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

We will champion programs, funding opportunities, and policy efforts that strengthen the foundation of Caribbean-American communities and expand access to the resources families need to thrive. We will push for equitable access to state grants and small-business support, making sure Caribbean-American entrepreneurs and community organizations are not overlooked in the application process. We will advocate for workforce development programs that open doors to higher-paying jobs, certifications, and apprenticeships, especially for workers who bring international experience and skills. We will support culturally responsive health and wellness initiatives, including funding for mental health outreach, chronic disease prevention, and community-based education. We will also work to expand language access, improve school-family engagement, and ensure that public agencies partner directly with Caribbean-American organizations when shaping programs that affect their communities. We will do this because strong policy and fair funding are essential to building opportunity, stability, and long-term success for every family.