



## Caribbean-American Political Action Committee

### Caribbean-American Political Action Committee (C-PAC) District of Columbia – 2016 Candidate Questionnaire

Please return the completed form via email to [cpac.dmv@gmail.com](mailto:cpac.dmv@gmail.com) by Friday, April 15, 2016. Responses will be shared with C-PAC membership.

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Aruba

The Bahamas

Barbados

Belize

British Virgin Islands

Cayman Islands

Cuba

Dominica

Dominican Republic

Grenada

Guadeloupe

Guyana

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Jamaica

Martinique

Montserrat

Netherlands Antilles

Puerto Rico

St. Kitts and Nevis

St. Lucia

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Suriname

Trinidad and Tobago

Turks and Caicos

US Virgin Islands

**Office Sought: DC Council, Ward 2**

**Candidate's Name: Jack Evans**

**Current Occupation: Ward 2 Member, DC Council**

**Party: Democratic**

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- 1) What policy actions would you propose or support to improve the opportunities and rights of Caribbean immigrants in the District of Columbia? I believe strongly that all residents of the District should have equal opportunity, rights, and respect in our community. Washington, DC is one of the great cities in the world because of the diversity of our residents and culture. I believe the Caribbean immigrant community is a vital part of that rich diversity.
- 2) How do you plan to help D.C.-based small and medium sized – especially Caribbean-owned -- businesses realize a greater share of D.C Government contracting opportunities? I support first source hiring and contracting provisions in all projects that include public tax dollars. Additionally, I continue to advocate for lower business tax rates so that businesses can growth and stay in the District.
- 3) What concrete steps will you take to improve the District of Columbia's Public School system – including facilities and equipment, teacher treatment, relationships with parents, as well as education standards and test scores in all wards of the city? I led the effort to invest over \$2 billion into the modernization and improvement in the equipment and resources of our public schools. I continue to push for quality neighborhood schools across our city that provide wraparound and other additional services to support our students no matter what ward they live in, what their home environment is like, what their native language is, or if they are struggling with a psychological or emotional issues. We as a community need to help our youngest residents.
- 4) What efforts do you support to make higher education accessible and affordable to all D.C residents who aspire towards completing collegiate and advanced degrees? I introduced legislation last year that called for an increase in the DC Tuition Assistance Grant program and continue to push for improvements in our education system and employment training programs that support people of all ages that aspire to go to college or other advanced degree programs.