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DC COUNCIL CANDIDATE SCORECARD



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Fair Budget Coalition (FBC) is a nonpartisan coalition of member organizations and community members. As part of our mission to advance a just and equitable DC budget, we have developed a candidate questionnaire aligned with our Budget Platform and the priorities of our seven Policy Issue Committees. As a 501(c)(3) organization, Fair Budget Coalition does not endorse or oppose candidates. This questionnaire is conducted solely for nonpartisan voter education purposes, consistent with legal guidelines.

The questionnaire covers key areas affecting District residents, and the candidate's responses is intended to help our members and the broader public better understand where candidates stand on the issues that shape our city's investments. All candidates for the DC Council seats received the same questionnaire. Their responses are published here and shared with the public in their entirety to promote an informed electorate.

Why you can trust this scorecard

The Fair Budget Coalition is a people-first organization. We are not a think tank or a consulting firm. We are a coalition of about 60 member organizations and more than 90 individual members rooted in the communities most affected by DC's budget choices.

This scorecard reflects that grounding. The questions you see were drafted with input from a broad coalition of partners who told us what they needed to know about every candidate seeking their vote. Those questions were then sharpened by our Civic Power Working Group, a body of FBC members who are well-versed in electoral strategy and accountability work.

Why should DC residents be civically engaged?

Washingtonians must be civically engaged, because the alternative is to be governed by people who do not have to live with the consequences.

DC is the only place in America where more than 700,000 taxpaying citizens watch a Congress they did not elect overturn laws their neighbors fought to pass. DC is the only place in America where a federal shutdown can paralyze local services that have nothing to do with the federal government. We are the living embodiment of taxation without representation. This is exactly why your civic engagement matters.

When you vote in a DC Council race, you are not just choosing a person. You are deciding whose name gets attached to the bill that funds the program that keeps your neighbor housed. You are deciding which budget priorities make it to the Wilson Building and which ones die quietly in committee. Your vote in this city is transformative because the margins here are thin and the stakes here are personal. A few thousand votes determine who controls the budget you pay into. Whoever sits in those seats decides which fight to take up and which one to walk away from.

Every ballot cast in DC is a refusal to disappear. Every budget testimony delivered is a refusal to be treated as ornamental. Every door knocked, every petition signed, every candidate questioned, every meeting packed is a declaration that we are not a federal possession. We are a community. We are a people. We will participate in the shape of our own lives. The people who benefit from our exclusion are betting you will sit things out. **Prove them wrong.**

NO RESPONSES RECEIVED

The following races did not receive any candidate responses and, as a result, were not included in this report.

Candidates for Council Chair

Phil
Mendelson (D)

Abi-Ananiah
Prudent (R)

Candidate for Ward 3

Matthew
Frumin (D)

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Forester (D)



7 Lisa
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Chavous (D)



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10 Darryl
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11 Darrell
Green (R)

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Dwight
Davis (D)

1.

The District's descent into a fiscal shortfall for FY27 demands honest scrutiny of how we have spent public money and who has benefited. Too many native and long-time Washingtonians are being priced out of the city they built, while public subsidies have flowed to businesses and developments that have not delivered the jobs, affordable housing, or community investment that was promised.

Rather than imposing new taxes on residents, I want to focus the Council's attention on accountability for public funds used to finance private enterprise. The District's own data raises serious questions about whether these investments have generated the promised return. I support an Council audit of active tax incentive programs and public subsidies, because residents deserve to know what they are getting for their money. Despite all the development in the last few years, we still have underutilized space from vacancies in apartment building, office buildings, and along major business corridors.

Now is not the time to continue funding businesses that will close within a few years or relocate once the District becomes too expensive for a growing family. That is the very problem we are failing to solve. Fiscal responsibility and economic justice are not competing values. They require each other.

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Oye
Owolewa (D)

5.

As a pharmacist I learned that you cannot treat a patient one symptom at a time and expect them to get well. The same is true of the District. Housing, food access, healthcare, transit, and revenue are one system, and the budget is where we decide whether that system works for everyone or only for some.

In Congress Heights, where I live, the life expectancy is 72 years, twenty-two years less than in Georgetown Foxhall, eight miles away. That gap is not a mystery. It is a budget choice. It is what happens when DC spends decades handing tax abatements, TIF deals, and Opportunity Zone subsidies to developers while cutting ERAP from \$63 million to \$8.6 million, eliminating the Healthcare Alliance for 25,000 residents, and leaving the Pay Equity Fund on the chopping block. Public dollars are going somewhere. The question is whether they are going to the people who need them or the people who already have enough.

I support progressive revenue, including a millionaires tax on income above \$500,000, a capital gains tax increase, a Business Activity Tax on corporations using DC's economy without paying into it, and a Land Value Tax near Metro stations to fund WMATA, because we cannot fund the services this questionnaire describes without asking more from those who have benefited most from DC's growth.

I also support the budget process reforms here because transparency is not a procedural nicety. It is the foundation of accountability. When agency budgets are hidden, lobbyist contacts go undisclosed, and tax incentives are never independently audited, the people who lose are always the same people, the ones who cannot afford a lobbyist of their own.

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Dyana N. M.
Forester (D)

6.

As a proud DC native, working-class single mom, community organizer, labor leader, and DCPS parent, I've stood with the Fair Budget Coalition and seen firsthand how critical their work is. Our budget process too often shuts out the very residents most impacted—while the loudest and most resourced voices continue to shape outcomes, especially in DCPS.

I've relied on safety net services to support my family, so I know what's at stake. When budget cuts are proposed, they may look like numbers on a page—but for families like mine, they are real consequences. I will bring both data and lived experience to the table to ensure decisions reflect the realities of DC residents.



Darryl
Moch (D)

10.

I have affirmed support for all the critical questions posed, which naturally raises the question: how do we fund these essential initiatives? The answer lies in an incremental, prioritized approach focused on improving quality of life, ensuring affordability, and preventing the displacement of low- and moderate-income DC residents who are increasingly unable to afford living in the city.

My advocacy through the DC Statehood Green Party and active membership in the Fair Budget Coalition (FBC), with direct leadership and representation by the late David Schwartzman, aligns me firmly with the coalition's major goals. This alignment is not just about supporting these common-sense and humane budget priorities but also about leading earnest efforts to realize them.

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One key example is school-based mental health services. I strongly believe we must not only maintain current funding levels but also expand and increase the availability and resources of these services. Addressing such foundational issues will create positive ripple effects across other areas of need.

To fund these priorities responsibly, I support adjusting tax obligations on the wealthiest residents and corporations. This approach can eliminate budget deficits that might otherwise hinder the implementation of vital programs and fiscal reforms, allowing us to invest in these reforms without cutting other essential services or budget necessities. Corporations, while thriving in DC, must recognize their inherent obligation to support the communities from which they profit.

Transparency, access, and equitable engagement are crucial to ensuring that the people who need these services most—often those who are ill-informed or underexposed to available resources—can benefit fully. We have significant work ahead to build trust and awareness, and to guarantee that resources reach all communities equitably.

Success depends on strong, collaborative partnerships. Legislators and the executive branch must work hand-in-hand with resident and citizen leaders, councils, community- and faith-based organizations, public-serving entities, and corporate leaders. These partnerships will provide the guidance, insight, and shared responsibility needed to develop a thriving, inclusive metropolis.

Together, we can ensure that DC remains a place where businesses want to be and can thrive, while also being a city that supports and uplifts all its residents, regardless of social standing or economic status.

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CANDIDATES 12-14



12 Jacquie D.
Patterson (I)



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Crawford (I)

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The law requires the Mayor to submit all budget enhancement requests to the Council and I believe that this part of the law should be followed. I don't believe we need additional legislation. I also don't believe we need to legislatively mandate that budget documents be released in a Word format. Typically, agency staff will provide word documents if requested and needed.

Instead of a Council task force on federal relations, I believe we should establish a dedicated federal relations office at the Council level so that the Council's voice on the Hill is consistent and strategic, not left to a single lobbyist. This office must have dedicated staff in order to be effective.

I support efforts to make sure residents pay their fair share, but I am interested in looking at current spending (including many instances of overspending), increasing efficiencies, and reducing wasteful spending. I am interested in learning more about additional ways to generate revenue in future years such as through the Business Activity Tax and the Land Value Tax. The Business Activity Tax will take a couple years to implement and in that time, we can consider ways to offset this new tax as the Tax Revision Commission initially proposed.

Given our current fiscal climate, I believe metrobus fare relief needs to be targeted to those who need it the most.

I can't commit to supporting legislation to establish a Food First Responders Platform without learning more about what it is.

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20 Jude
Crannitch (G)



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Jasper (R)

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13. Social Services & Safety Net Funding: Would you support emergency budget legislation to backfill critical social services in the event of federal funding cuts to DC programs?

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Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-

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24. Food Access & Equity: Do you support requiring annual public reporting on food access metrics, including food retail density, SNAP utilization, and diet-related health outcomes, disaggregated by ward?

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Aparna
Raj (D)

15.

As renter, union member, daughter of immigrants, and queer woman of color, I am running to represent Ward 1 on DC Council to make DC a place where everyone can afford to raise a family and live freely without fear. DC residents deserve a government that is transparent, accountable and works for every single person who lives here. As Councilmember, I will be an organizer in office, working to bring tenants, workers, and community members into the decision-making process and build lasting working class power. My top three priorities will be:

1. Stopping rent hikes: I will fight to enact housing policy that puts working families first rather than squeezing them for profit. That means expanding rent stabilization laws to support community stability, protecting key tenant protections like the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA), and building more housing for all residents – and especially for low- and moderate-income households.

The majority of Ward 1 residents are renters, and whether these are households that have recently arrived or those who have called Ward 1 home for years, everyone deserves the security of knowing they will not be priced out of their communities. They deserve to afford raising children here, to age in place, and to remain in the neighborhoods they have helped build. Ensuring safety and housing stability is essential to ensuring our diverse communities in Ward 1 can remain and thrive.

As a tenant organizer who has worked alongside working class renters to improve their housing conditions, stop rent increases, and purchase their buildings, I know that creating and preserving affordable housing will require a multifaceted approach.

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That is why I will fight to make it easier to build more housing in more places, end exclusionary zoning, and fight for a Comprehensive Plan that allows us to meet our housing needs. And I will do this while working to maintain strong investments in the Housing Production Trust Fund, conduct rigorous oversight to ensure that our District agencies like the Department of Housing and Community Development and DC Housing Authority are deploying their resources effectively, and develop new tools like an Office of Social Housing to expand permanently affordable housing options.

2. Free childcare for all. Everyone in DC should be able to raise a family in the city we love. Yet today, the typical DC family pays more than \$22,000 per child each year for childcare. That is unacceptable. That's why I am fighting for free childcare for all children from three months to three years old.

Free childcare will ensure families can meet their basic needs while giving every child access to high-quality early education. Too many parents – particularly those working low-wage jobs – struggle to juggle rent, groceries, transportation, and other essentials, even with programs such as the Childcare Subsidy Program. Free childcare for all will directly benefit families in Ward 1 who are working hard to stay afloat while building stable futures for their children, as well as raising pay for childcare workers, who are mostly women of color.

I recognize that fully funding this program will require raising revenue in a difficult financial climate, but investing in children and young families must be a priority. That is why I will fight to raise revenue by passing a business activity tax, closing corporate tax loopholes and ensuring large corporations pay their fair share, and

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direct new revenue toward free, universal childcare so DC remains a place where families can grow and thrive. And in the meantime, I will fight for permanent funding for the Pay Equity Fund and oppose any reductions to our childcare programs, like the ones the Mayor is currently proposing.

3. Standing up for DC. There are only two choices when faced with rising authoritarianism: collaboration or resistance. For Ward 1 – home to large Latino and immigrant communities – the District government must choose resistance and stand firmly with our neighbors.

Since the federal occupation began in August 2025, Latino and immigrant communities have faced constant attacks. Neighbors have been detained, and families separated. In my own neighborhood, I have joined organizers supporting residents trying to get to work, get groceries, and get their children to school safely. As Ward 1 Councilmember, protecting our immigrant neighbors from federal overreach will be a top priority.

I will enforce and strengthen our sanctuary laws, including banning ongoing forms of collaboration between District agencies and ICE and ensuring there are real consequences when officials violate the law. I will conduct aggressive oversight of agencies such as the Metropolitan Police Department and Metro Transit Police to ensure compliance with our sanctuary laws. I will fight to fund public immigration defenders, ban law enforcement officers from wearing masks that allow them to evade accountability, and advocate for protecting and expanding District autonomy by advocating for Statehood.

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As an organizer, I understand the importance of coordination and infrastructure, which is why I will use my office to help centralize resources and strengthen communication across Ward 1 so community safety efforts are effective and responsive.

The people of DC deserve a government that works for them, and a government that does not balance its budget on the backs of working people. That's why I have joined previous years' actions at the Wilson Building to push for a budget that funds resources like emergency rental assistance and housing vouchers. That's also why I developed a video outlining issues with Mayor Bowser's FY 2027 budget and plan to join budget hearings to call for taxes on the ultrawealthy and corporations to maintain funding for vital services. We deserve a transparent budget process, which is why I will invest in a communications structure that is easy to follow, as I have for the duration of my campaign. We can win statehood, which is why I will leverage the relationships I have developed with national organizations to make statehood a fight in every jurisdiction across the country. We can ensure that our infrastructure, our social safety net, our government services, actually meet the needs of everyday Washingtonians. We can have it all if we fight for it, and as Ward 1 Councilmember, I will organize to win that fight and ensure that DC is a welcoming place for all people to call home.

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Rashida
Brown (D)

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As a social worker and public policy leader who has spent decades working in health and human services systems, I've seen this pattern countless times: people making impossible choices for their families because of underfunded programs like healthcare, paid family leave, early childhood programs, rental subsidies...you name it, and I've seen the daily struggle firsthand in my work. But I also lived paycheck to paycheck myself when I first moved to DC as a social work student working minimum wage, sleeping on the floor of my apartment and eating noodles out of a cup. We are an incredibly wealthy city, but too many of our residents do not benefit from that wealth. As Councilmember I'll fight to redistribute that wealth to those in need, by taxing our wealthiest residents, restructuring our tax system so that more businesses pay into it, and ensuring more residents receive tax benefits like the child tax credit, universal basic income and earned income tax credit. I'll work with colleagues to set dedicated revenue streams for priority programs like the ECE Pay Equity Fund, and I'll constantly think creatively and boldly about protecting our social safety net and growing wealth for our working families.

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Jackie
Reyes Yanes
(D)

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I believe government should be transparent, accountable, and responsive to the people it serves. That starts with making budgets clear and accessible so residents can see exactly how their tax dollars are being used and holding agencies accountable for results. I support stronger oversight, including protecting whistleblowers and ensuring independent audits, because public trust must be earned.

I do not support raising taxes as the first solution. I believe we need to grow our economy by strengthening small businesses, which are the backbone of Ward 1. When our local businesses succeed, they create jobs, grow the tax base, and help fund the services our community depends on. At the same time, part of not increasing taxes means managing our existing resources responsibly. That requires strong oversight, regular audits, and a clear focus on identifying waste and inefficiencies so we can close gaps and reinvest those dollars where they are most needed. I also believe that when public dollars are invested in development, the community must benefit through affordable housing, local hiring, and fair wages.

I am committed to protecting and strengthening our social safety net. Programs like the Child Tax Credit, TANF, and services for survivors of domestic violence are essential lifelines for families. If federal funding is cut, I will act to make sure our residents are not left behind.

I support making our city more affordable and accessible, strong school-based mental health services, and ensuring housing is safe and well-maintained. I also believe we must approach issues like encampments with both compassion and clear standards, ensuring dignity and due process.

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Access to healthy food is a basic need. I support building a more equitable food system, investing in underserved communities, and making sure we are tracking outcomes so we can deliver real results.

As your Councilmember, I will take a hands-on approach, showing up, listening, and making sure government works for the people of Ward 1.



Terry
Lynch (D)

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These are all really common sense approaches allowing the public to fully know how tax dollars are being spent and allocated while meeting urgent needs. Thank you.

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Trindade
Deramo (D)

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I support Councilmember Parker’s proposal to create a tiered surcharge on realized capital gains; 1% charge on capital gains over \$150,000, 2% on gains over \$350,000, and 3% on gains over \$500,000. The proposal, which would increase taxes on realized capital gains primarily on the top 1 percent of DC taxpayers, would help fund essential programs like vouchers for Permanent Supportive Housing and the Child Tax Credit. At the Council, I would support increasing the income tax rates on households reporting over \$1 million in income, which would be meaningful for increasing funding for target programs like filling in the gaps for the Pay Equity Fund.

I support a Land Value Tax on parcels near transit to provide additional funds for WMATA operations, by having a tax system that imposes taxes on the land and any improvements (i.e., buildings on site) separately. The proposal I would support would provide an exemption for sites with existing affordable subsidized/unsubsidized housing or small businesses to offer protection against displacement. The proposed Land Value Tax would be used as a tool that incentivizes developing empty parcels near transit into mixed-use or residential development, as the owner of a site would still have to pay the tax on the land even when it is vacant and not generating any revenue from renting homes and/or commercial space.

I champion maximizing the potential of affordable housing developments on public land. As an ANC Commissioner, I supported creating affordable housing at the 1617 U Street site. However, I am also well aware that when we draw out the development of affordable housing on public property over years of procedural hurdles, we not only prevent families from accessing affordable homes that are needed urgently; we also significantly increase the cost of building

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housing on these sites. While I support maximizing community benefits and affordability on public land, I would still want to have the public input and community benefit negotiations completed within a reasonable timeline, in a way that does not delay the development of affordable housing or hurt its financial feasibility.

I recognize that protecting the District’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) is crucial: these are progressive and pioneering mechanisms for redistribution that support low- and moderate-income earners amid an affordability crisis in DC. I support protecting the efforts championed by Councilmember Parker, which resulted in strengthening funding for DC’s EITC and CTC (collectively expected to increase economic security for nearly 78,000 children and their families).

I support the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s budget ask for \$4.4 million over FY26 funding for domestic violence survivor services. Under this proposal, \$2.5 million over FY26 funding is necessary to protect core programming and services from cuts, and an additional \$1.9 million to fill gaps for funding culturally specific services, including those serving immigrant, LGBTQ+, unhoused, and justice-involved survivors.

Yes, I would vote to fully fund the “Free Bus” initiative to make Metrobus zero-fare for all riders. Eliminating fares reduces barriers to mobility, speeds up boarding, and sends a clear message that bus service is an essential public good. For many residents, especially those with lower incomes, fare-free service can make a meaningful difference in their daily lives.

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That said, any funding to offset the loss of fare revenue cannot come at the expense of frequency, reliability, or hours of operation. When bus riders are polled, they consistently say that their top priorities are frequent service and shorter travel times. A bus that comes every 20–30 minutes or gets stuck in traffic is far more burdensome than a modest fare. If going fare-free results in service cuts, longer headways, or reduced reliability, we would be undermining the very people the policy is meant to support.

When we make buses fast, frequent, and reliable – through dedicated lanes, signal priority, and strong operating budgets and staffing levels – we improve life for the people who already depend on transit and make it more attractive for new riders. That combination grows ridership, reduces congestion, and advances our climate and equity goals. A free bus that is unreliable does not meaningfully expand opportunity; a high-quality bus system does.

It’s also important to recognize that targeted fare relief programs already exist for those who need it most, including DC Public Schools students, seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income residents. If we pursue fare-free service, we must continue to protect and strengthen service quality. My commitment is clear: support for fare-free buses, but never at the expense of the frequent, dependable transit service that our communities deserve.

I support expanding the Nuisance Abatement Fund to enable the DOB to directly address a broader range of housing code violations (not only emergency or life-threatening situations) to improve the quality of housing for tenants. This strategy would enable the DC government to address housing issues like mold and flooding and then collect

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the paid charges from landlords afterward, possibly through special assessment liens (involuntary legal claims placed on private properties). Therefore, I support the proposed STRONG Homes Amendment Act, which would allow the Office of the Attorney General to use the Tenant Receivership Abatement Fund for emergency repairs and services at eligible housing properties.

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Carmichael (D)



23 Bridget K.
French (D)



24 Zachary
Parker (D)



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Robinson-Paul (G)



26 Jeffrey
Kihien-Palza (R)

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22	23	24	25	26
-	-	-	-	Y

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Y/N Questions (set 5 of 6) to Candidates for WARD 5

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22	23	24	25	26
-	-	-	-	Y

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22	23	24	25	26
-	-	-	-	N

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-	-	-	-	N

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22	23	24	25	26
-	-	-	-	Y

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22	23	24	25	26
-	-	-	-	Y

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22	23	24	25	26
-	-	-	-	Y

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22	23	24	25	26
-	-	-	-	Y

24. Food Access & Equity: Do you support requiring annual public reporting on food access metrics, including food retail density, SNAP utilization, and diet-related health outcomes, disaggregated by ward?

22	23	24	25	26
-	-	-	-	Y

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Y

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CANDIDATES FOR WARD 6

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N



The Candidates for WARD 6

CANDIDATES 27-30



27 Gloria Ann
Nauden (D)



28 Charles
Allen (D)



29 Michael
Murphy (D)



30 Jorge
Rice (R)

Y

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YES OR NO RESPONSES



Y/N Questions (set 1 of 6) to Candidates for **WARD 6**

CANDIDATES BY NUMBER:

27. GLORIA ANN NAUDEN (D)
28. CHARLES ALLEN (D)

29. MICHAEL MURPHY (D)
30. JORGE RICE (R)

1. Accountability & Transparency: Budget Disclosures: Would you support legislation mandating that all DC agency budgets include detailed line-item breakdowns in publicly available, word format?

27	28	29	30
-	Y	-	-

2. Accountability & Transparency: Budget Disclosures: Would you support legislation requiring that agency-level budget submissions to the Mayor be made publicly available before the Mayor transmits the proposed budget to the Council?

27	28	29	30
-	Y	-	-

3. Accountability & Transparency: Budget Disclosures: Would you support holding an annual stand-alone hearing on revenue matters in the Committee of the Whole?

27	28	29	30
-	Y	-	-

4. Accountability & Transparency: Oversight: Do you support strengthening whistleblower protections for DC government employees who report any form of wrongdoing, including but not limited to waste, fraud, mismanagement, abuse of authority, violations of law or regulation, and threats to public health or safety?

27	28	29	30
-	Y	-	-

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5. Accountability & Transparency: Oversight: Do you support requiring the public disclosure of all points of contact, including in-person meetings, phone calls, electronic communications, and virtual meetings, between Council offices and registered lobbyists related to pending budget or legislative matters?

27	28	29	30
-	Y	-	-

6. Accountability & Transparency: Oversight: Do you support an independent audit of all active tax incentive programs and public subsidies to evaluate whether they have delivered promised community benefits?

27	28	29	30
-	Y	-	-

7. Home Rule & Federal Autonomy: Do you support DC's right to spend all locally-raised revenue without Congressional approval?

27	28	29	30
-	Y	-	-

8. Home Rule & Federal Autonomy: Do you support establishing a standing Council task force that meets at least once a month to monitor and respond to federal actions affecting DC's autonomy?

27	28	29	30
-	Y	-	-

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9. Home Rule & Federal Autonomy: Would you publicly oppose any federal effort to place DC under increased Congressional control, including attempts to change the elected status of the Attorney General or alter the structure of DC's police force?

27	28	29	30
-	Y	-	-

10. Economic Justice & Tax Reform: Do you support tax reforms that would require the wealthiest DC residents and businesses to increase their tax contributions, such as new taxes on capital gains and high incomes?

27	28	29	30
-	Y	-	-

11. Economic Justice & Tax Reform: Do you support creating a Land Value Tax to generate dedicated revenue for WMATA operations?

27	28	29	30
-	Y	-	-

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27	28	29	30
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Explanations to Y/N Questions

Would you like to elaborate on your answers to any of the Yes/No questions presented?



Charles
Allen (D)

28.

With respect to taxes and raising additional revenue, my position is that any tax increase must be effectively communicated to the public so that the public understands the rationale and purpose of the tax increase. I am not afraid to lead the fight to raise revenue to create a fair city for all our residents, but I do not support increasing taxes solely to raise taxes. The additional revenue should be devoted and used to fund government programming or other important priorities. I have successfully led the Council to pass revenue increases in the past, and they have been specifically tied to important policy priorities. There are still a lot of questions about how much increasing the capital gains tax and imposing a land value tax would generate, but I remain open to supporting these tax proposals if there is a worthwhile policy priority that we need to fund.

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– John Lewis



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