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Answer each of the following questions as completely as possible, using as much space as needed

List elected offices previously held and dates they were held.

__ State Delegate District 41 (1983 - Present) _____

HBCUS:

As an elected official, what will you specifically do to support Maryland's Historically Black Colleges and Universities?

The new 2017-2021 Maryland Higher Education Commission *State Plan for Postsecondary Success* correctly points out that HBCUs have a special role to play by providing students access to affordable education. I have long championed public education and increasing access to higher education in Maryland.

Specifically, I would support legislation providing for new fully funded high demand programs at HBCUs consistent with the November 2017 federal court order that the state is currently appealing.

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

As an elected official, what will you do to specifically improve the community's relationship with Baltimore's police force?

A cultural shift must occur in the Baltimore Police Department, and accountability will make that happen. An important step was taken this session with the enactment of SB

1099/HB561, that would set up a state commission with subpoena power to investigate allegations of Baltimore police corruption.

Additionally, I supported legislation this session to provide a \$3.6 million dollar increase in funding for Safe Streets, a proven reducer of gun violence and an important facilitator between the BPD and communities. Safe Streets stops the spread of violence in communities by using the strategies associated with disease control, the Abell Foundation concluded. It detects and interrupts conflicts, identifies and treats the highest risk individuals, and changes social norms.

TRANSPORTATION:

As an elected official, what will you do to bring a 21st century transportation system to the residents of Baltimore?

I supported the Red Line Project, and I would support similar projects in the future to increase rapid transit options in and out of Baltimore City. Funding can be achieved by appropriate distribution of existing resources.

The Red Line would have gone through the heart of the Edmondson Avenue corridor. I made a commitment, along with my colleagues in the 41st District, to “sweat the details” in terms of how that project would affect those communities. I would do the same on any future transportation projects.

HOUSING:

The Baltimore City Housing Department has seen its share of problems over the past few years. As an elected official, what steps will you take to improve the quality of Baltimore’s low and moderate income housing opportunities?

Baltimore’s large number of vacant houses depresses home prices and invites criminal activity. The State and the City should continue to underwrite the demolition of these properties and their replacement with a solution supported by the affected communities.

I have devoted much of my legislative career to eliminating the scourge of lead poisoning in our city. The rate of lead poisoning in Maryland has declined dramatically because of the efforts of a broad coalition, of which I am proud to be a member. This session I sponsored House Bill 852, which would reform eviction court proceedings to prevent landlords from evicting a tenant if they have not met the requirement to register their property as a lead-affected property. Additionally, the bill would allow tenants to raise the issue of whether or not a property is lead affected during the eviction process. If re-elected, I will reintroduce this legislation.

My first job was as the first Director of the Section 8 Existing Housing Program for the Housing Authority of Baltimore City. As a consequence, affordable and safe housing has been a priority of my legislative career. Most recently, I worked to protect the residents in the buildings being converted to private ownership under the RAD program.

FUNDING:

Given the limited resources of government, what are your top three funding priorities if elected and why?

1: Full funding of the Kirwan Commission Recommendations The Kirwan Commission’s recommendations would enable us to meet our constitutional obligation of a “thorough and efficient” public school education for all children. Of particular interest to me is the recommendation that the State provide universal access to public and private prekindergarten for all four-year olds and low-income three-year olds, given my work on this issue.

2. School construction Not only must the teachers, staff and curriculum be top notch, but the physical infrastructure of our schools must be kept at a high standard to ensure an environment conducive to learning and personal growth. At a basic level, priority needs to be given immediately to ensuring that no students miss school because their buildings don’t have sufficient heating or cooling capacity. Funding must also be provided to complete the work of the 21st Century Schools program, so that all Baltimore City students are attending a school worthy of their educational aspirations.

3. Creating a 21st century Pimlico Race Track that benefits the Northwest Baltimore communities A 21st century Pimlico Race Track and a major economic development investment on the site can preserve the important heritage and history of the Preakness and benefit the Park Heights community.

CLOSING STATEMENT:

Share any additional comments you have about your candidacy or issues.

I went to Baltimore City College with African-American classmates who have since told me that City was their first experience in an integrated environment where they were equals. For me, it was also my first experience in an integrated environment.

What I learned at City I have carried with me throughout my public and personal life from working on Parren Mitchell’s campaign in 1970 to representing the diverse neighborhoods of the 41st district for the last 16 years. I have treated all of my constituents and all of my neighbors as equals.

Save your questionnaire as a Word document and attach it to an email message addressed to mdelection2018@afro.com with the subject line: AFRO Election Questionnaire (THE OFFICE YOU SEEK) no later than 5 p.m. Monday, April 9, 2018. We encourage you to submit your completed *AFRO* Election Questionnaire as soon as possible. Candidates without a completed questionnaire will not be considered for an endorsement.

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