

1. In the last four years, what has been your community engagement in the 41st District?

In the last four years and throughout my career, I have worked on behalf of all of the neighborhood groups and various constituencies throughout the 41st District. My colleagues and I visit each neighborhood group twice a year, in the spring to explain, discuss, and listen about what just happened during the legislative session and in the fall to find out what needs to be done in the upcoming session. My colleagues and I were successful in reducing the operating hours at 4Gs liquor store; this issue was brought to light as a result of our community engagement efforts.

I stay in touch with communities during the legislative session with my legislative diary about my work in Annapolis, followed by a session newsletter letting my constituents know what I was able to accomplish over the 90 days.

2. What do you see are the problems in the 41st district and what are some of your solutions?

The 41st district suffers from many of the same problems that affect Baltimore City generally, such as homes with lead paint and schools that are not preparing our children for the 21st Century economy. Specific to the 41st District is the future of the Pimlico Race Track.

I have long sought to bring accountability to landlords who are not in compliance with Maryland's lead risk reduction standards. This session, I sponsored House Bill 852, which would reform rent court to prevent evictions by a landlord who has not met the legal standard for a lead-affected property.

To improve the conditions of the schools, my City delegation colleagues and I fought in 2013 for major construction funding under the 21st Century Schools Program. I look forward to attending the reopening of the new Lyndhurst Elementary School. Arlington, Cross Country, Forest Park, Pimlico, Mary Rodman, and Calvin Rodwell will also be rebuilt.

The Preakness is our Super Bowl. Every May, our economy gets a huge boost from visitors and locals celebrating the second jewel of the Triple Crown. An abandoned Pimlico would be a major blow to Northwest Baltimore, the City, and the metropolitan region.

It was my idea for the Maryland Stadium Authority to conduct a study of Pimlico's future. The final phase of that this review has just begun. The study will include "visioneering and concept development of an 'ideal' Preakness venue...and assessing the site's ability to accommodate various non-racing functions on a year-round basis." It should be completed by December.

3. What resources are needed in the 41st district and how will you fill the gap, if elected?

In my answer to question #2, I highlighted where resources are needed in the 41st district: public schools and the Pimlico Race Track. Working with my district colleagues,

I will continue to be an advocate for providing government resources and assistance for all of the communities of the district.

When we meet our obligation to provide more money for public schools, I would vote for a more progressive way of doing so than the current reliance on gaming revenues.

4. What makes you qualified to serve in the office you are seeking?

During my career in the House of Delegates, I have worked hard to increase k-12 education funding; fought for the expansion of behavioral health programs; and ensured that vulnerable tenants are not taken advantage of by unscrupulous landlords. I ask that you judge me by my legislative record in Annapolis.

5. Name three community leaders, stakeholders in your district that will vouch for you?

- **Rev. Alvin C. Hathaway Sr., Pastor of Union Baptist Church**
- **Sandy Johnson, President, Fallstaff Improvement Association**
- **Stephen H. Sachs, Former Attorney General of Maryland**

6. If elected, which House committee would you like to serve on based on your background and experience?

I want to continue to serve on the Health and Government Operations Committee because of the work we have done providing greater access to health insurance and addressing public health issues such as family planning, mental health, and substance abuse. I am also very proud of the 20 years I served on the Appropriations Committee working on the State budget and learning about how to prioritize spending. Serving with Pete Rawlings, I learned how to use the budget process to move public policy in the right direction. I still use that process to benefit the people of my district.

7. Name three current/former elected officials that inspire you?

- **Parren Mitchell: I volunteered on his 1970 campaign when he was first elected to Congress, then spent two summers working in his Washington D.C. office.**
- **Pete Rawlings: One of my senior colleagues who taught me how to use the budget process to benefit the state and my district.**
- **Ben Cardin: Ben taught me how to build bridges and pass crucial legislation.**

8. What is the only function of a state legislator according to the State Constitution?

The only bill that must pass each session is the state budget, and it must be balanced. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I learned how important it is to have a balanced budget because that is how the State of Maryland maintains its stellar bond rating. As a result, when we borrow money for capital projects, it costs the state less money. Whether it is funding for Langston Hughes, B'nos Yisroel, or 4west, these

projects utilize taxpayer money for buildings instead of interest payments because we pass that balanced budget every year.