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Your record is part of your rating. When responding to our questionnaire, please include specific examples of how your previous record demonstrates your commitment to the issues raised in the questionnaire. Feel free to link relevant documents such as letters to the editor, legislative testimony, campaign literature, etc.

Housing

- Do you support providing sufficient affordable housing units for all households earning less than 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), such as, allocating vacant apartments to very low-income households, ensuring sufficient funds for the Housing Production Trust Fund are dedicated to these renters, and strengthening inclusionary zoning laws?

Yes. We are underutilizing the housing tools available to build 30% AMI units. First, the Housing Production Trust Fund has NEVER met its statutory requirements on building deeply affordable units. According to D.C. law, 50 percent of trust fund dollars in a fiscal year should be spent on 0-30% AMI units. We have never come close. We need to follow the law.

Second, we need to preserve and maintain our D.C. Housing Authority communities. DCHA needs to return to its mission of providing homes for working families earning the minimum wage. Right now it seems more focused on doing lucrative deals that benefit developers. The federal government resources to DCHA are declining; DC government needs to fill the gap. We now have a housing repair fund, and we need DCHA to use it expeditiously.

- Do you support improving access to housing voucher programs by increasing the number available, as advocated for by The Way Home Campaign and LGBTQ+ Budget Coalition, and reforming program eligibility rules?

Yes. Yet I am concerned that we are funding vouchers but not using them. I am hearing from our nonprofit partners that they are still having trouble getting permanent supportive housing vouchers approved even for those who score high on the SPDAT, the evaluation

system. The best way to get people out of tents and vulnerable LGBTQ residents off the streets is to put them in safe, secure housing with the services and case workers they need.

Workers' Rights

- Do you support enacting legislation decriminalizing sex work for adults, including the selling and purchasing of sex and third party involvement not involving fraud, violence or coercion?

Yes. We want to keep people safe and healthy both from a public safety and public health lens.

- Do you support repealing the subminimum wage for tipped workers?

Yes. I will be voting yes on Initiative 82 on my ballot. If it is approved by D.C. voters, I will vote against any repeal. Four years ago, I voted yes on Initiative 77, and I voted against the repeal of Initiative 77. What I learned four years ago is that the restaurant industry's approach to wage payment was variable: Some restaurants pooled tips, some did not, for example. There are many people who like working in restaurants but they want stability in pay.

- Do you support funding the Office of Human Rights (OHR) at a level that ensures the agency ends its case backlog, completes discrimination cases in a timely manner, and effectively engages in community education and outreach?

Yes. My Labor Committee has funded positions in the Office of Human Rights to address enforcement of various wage and hour laws.

Health

- Do you support establishing overdose prevention facilities in the District to reduce deaths from drug overdoses?

Yes. I don't believe that District government and DC Health are doing enough to address opioid deaths. Widespread distribution of naloxone is a start. Safe injection sites has an appeal in terms of providing safe spaces to gain trust to try to change behavior of those with opioid addictions. I need to learn more about the success of other cities.

- Do you support removing the criminal penalties for drug possession for personal use and increasing investments in health services?

Yes. We do not want to criminalize drug use, we want to direct our residents to the behavioral health services they need so they can cope without a specific drug.

Policing and incarceration

- Do you support reducing D.C.'s total pre-COVID-19 incarcerated population by one-third to one-half by FY30?

Yes but we need to make sure that rehabilitation is happening and people are getting the adequate housing and resources they need so recidivism does not happen.

- Do you support better oversight, transparency, and accountability in the process of investigating and improving D.C. jails, including establishing an independent oversight body, addressing issues impacting transgender individuals, repairing jails, and changing staff culture?

Yes. We need a new jail, number one.

The current iteration of the Council's Judiciary Committee should be divided into two committees in the next Council period. There's just too much on their plate right now to do adequate oversight of all the agencies in its purview.

- Do you support divesting from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to further invest in vital programs, including anti-poverty, violence prevention, crisis intervention, and reentry?

I support adequate funding for programs that keep District residents safe and reduce poverty. I don't see it as much of a tradeoff as the question presents. We have to deal with the access to illegal guns in our city. When someone is in crisis and they have a handgun nearby, that is dangerous for the person in crisis, friends, family, neighbors and any first responders such as MPD, violence interrupters, and Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

I support the D.C. Auditor's examination of our violence interrupter programs. My Labor Committee provided the seed funding for the Office of the Attorney General's program, Cure the Streets. That happened because the mayor was not funding the violence prevention efforts outlined in the NEAR Act. We need an outside evaluation of the two programs, one in the AG's office and the other in the mayor's sphere

We also need to implement the recommendations of the police reform commission. One that I am most interested in is the pairing of MPD with social workers/behavioral health clinicians. This makes sense, and I'm not quite clear if there is resistance to at least piloting such an effort.

*Please return your questionnaire responses in Word format **by 11:59pm ET on Tuesday, September 20** [here](#). If you have trouble submitting your response through the form, you can email it to equal@glaa.org.*