

1. Fund Our Futures. Do you support addressing concentrated wealth in the District by raising revenue through taxing the most wealthy residents as the Just Recovery DC Coalition recommends in its Fair Tax proposal?

**I do support taxing the wealthy but in increments over a span of five to ten years.**

2. Invest in harm reduction and overdose prevention services to save lives. Do you support funding the evidence-based and patient-centered approach to reducing overdose deaths and supporting healing from substance use disorder in the form of allocating \$15 million from the \$80 million Opioid Settlement Fund to fund two 24/7 harm reduction centers, that would include a safe drug consumption component, mobile outreach vehicles, and drug checking services?

**I would support one 24/7 harm reduction center. I would not support it being east of the river but easily accessible for all comers of D.C.; and advocate for extensive oversight and continuous evaluation. As that center proves fully functional and a proven value in this substance abuse epidemic I will advocate and push for two more centers in strategic areas of the city.**

3. Increasing the pipeline of licensed mental health care workers. Do you support addressing the District's lack of mental health providers by reducing the barriers to becoming a licensed social worker through ending the exam requirement for people who complete a Bachelor's or Master's degree in social work and funding programs such as the recently passed law creating a free Master of Social Work program?

**It is difficult to agree with this proposal as written because I know of too many instances where mental health organizations hire badly trained and burned out social workers who are working a 9- 5 numbers driven job without the empathy and understanding needed to help their clients. I want more out of the proposed increased and I'm not sure DC's public health system is apt to delve into this need. Meanwhile I will push for stricter oversight, more client surveys and revamped contracts with the mental health facilities that are currently serving our residents. There are three women on my block heading households that are dealing dealing with mental crises. They have exhausts all the city has had to offer and have resorted to fighting it alone. Can you tell me how to get past the stigma? After that I will come to you for public/private partnerships in funding the right programs for specific needs.**

4. Fund crisis response and community-based behavioral/mental health services to prevent crises. Do you support investing in unarmed models of crisis response with responders that are culturally competent and resourced sufficiently to respond in minutes?

**I support crises prevention. I believe it is as simple as fighting for a better quality of life from birth to retirement. As I am running to fight for resources and programs supporting the fair tax initiatives.**

5. Budget sufficiently to fulfill non-discrimination laws. Do you support continued funding for the Office of Human Rights (and oppose cuts to the agency's budget) to ensure the agency can staff up sufficiently to end its case backlog, complete discrimination cases in a timely manner, and effectively engage in community education and outreach?

**OF COURSE! And I will fight against cuts.**

6. Decriminalize Sex Work. Do you support enacting legislation to decriminalize sex work for adults, including the selling and purchasing of sex and third party involvement not involving fraud, violence or coercion?

**I do not support sex work for adults in Washington DC.**

**I do not believe in criminalization of individual sex work.**

**I do not support setting up a corporate style business or third-party involvement.**

7. Decriminalize Drug Use. Do you support removing the criminal penalties for drug possession for personal use and increasing investments in health services?

**No. I do not support removing the criminal penalties for drug possession. This is too broad a brush stroke. natural old fashion canibus, yes but with more regulation on who has access and where it is allowed in public settings. A different synthetic drug hits the streets every week and there must be some semblance of order. I support health services from prevention to addiction.**

8. Fully implement police and jail oversight and record sealing legislation. Do you support the full \$2.6 million in funding necessary to implement the legislation passed to improve oversight of our jails and police and to overhaul our criminal record sealing process?

**Yes. The human rights of justice involved individuals should be protected as all other citizens and oversight of police and jails as well as record sealing measures are major steps in the right direction of guaranteeing individuals are treated properly when under the care of law enforcement and the facilities in which they are incarcerated. Additionally, an overhaul of the record sealing process will provide these individuals protections that will make for successful reentry unhinged from the shadow of their past and will enable a better future for them to be productive members of our community.**

9. Socialize Our Housing. Do you support the D.C. Green New Deal for Housing that proposes to take a social housing approach to disrupt the failed system of the market-focused one?

**I support several pilot programs before another market driven box cutter apartment building breaks ground. I know that is impossible, but the sooner I am in office the sooner our nations capitol can serve as a positive example of what can be. The money is there, without waste and abuse, we must implement the green deal in lieu of profit/driven unobtainable housing.**

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