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Q2
Select the Advisory Neighborhood Commission in which you are running:

Q3
Select the SMD in which you are running:

Q4
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Q5
Where in your Advisory Neighborhood Commission, not just your SMD, do you think density should be increased to accommodate the construction of new housing? If you do not think density should be increased in your ANC, please write, "I do not think density should be increased in my ANC."

Columbia Heights is a dense, diverse, and vibrant area. If we want to maintain our neighborhood's vibrancy we need more housing so existing residents can afford to stay here and new neighbors can afford to come and contribute to what makes Columbia Heights special. My SMD is pretty built up, but I would support more housing. The razing of vacant, derelict properties and building of new housing in our area - something my fellow Commissioners is working on through an organized ANC caucus - is an example of an initiative I support.

Q6
I consider affordable housing to be (check all that, in your opinion, apply):

- Cheap,
- Costing no more than 30 percent of one’s household income

Q7
I consider market-rate housing to be (check all that, in your opinion, apply):

- Not means-tested or income-restricted,
- Unsubsidized,
- Not rent-controlled,
- Costing more than 30 percent of one’s household income

Q8
The District's inclusionary zoning law “requires that eight to 10 percent of the residential floor area be set-aside for affordable units in most new residential development projects of 10 or more units.” The cost of doing so is paid by a project's developer, and IZ units are income-restricted. Because the number of IZ units is tied to floor-area ratio, the larger a building is, the more IZ units will be built. Conversely, if the initial density proposed by a developer is reduced during the approvals process, rather than maintained or increased, fewer IZ units will be built. ANC commissioners are likely to hear from some constituents concerned by a project’s potential impact—real or assumed—on traffic, parking, views, and property values and rents, and whether it fits the character of the neighborhood. While it is not a guarantee that a development proposal including IZ units will come before your ANC, if one does, what would you do, given the likelihood of at least some pushback?
Q9
Planned unit developments are projects in which developers are able to exceed the height and density allowed by the District’s zoning code up to the density allowed by its Future Land Use Map (typically a modest increase in scale) in exchange for a community benefits agreement. While it is not a guarantee that a PUD will be proposed in your ANC, if one is, the commission is likely to be the party negotiating that community benefits agreement with a developer. The following are examples of benefits that an ANC might push for in such an agreement. Please rank them in the order in which you would prioritize them.

More income-restricted, subsidized units than are required by District law 1
Income-restricted, subsidized units restricted to lower income levels than initially proposed by the developer 2
Income-restricted, subsidized units with more than one bedroom 3
Parks, landscaping, and/or public art 8
A Capital Bikeshare station 5
Improvements or repairs to, or replacement of, streets and sidewalks 4
Direct cash payments to local organizations, such as civic associations and ANCs 7
Direct cash payments to local schools and youth programs 6

Q10
Check any of the below combinations of features that you would consider social housing.

- District-owned housing on District-owned land, built by a District agency and managed by a District agency
- District-owned housing on District-owned land, built by a private construction company and managed by a District agency

Q11
Should apartments be legal to build District-wide? Yes

Q12
Which statement do you agree with most?

- New housing should be built both along major corridors and throughout existing residential neighborhoods, in buildings of all sizes.

Q13
Which of these statements best describes your feelings about historic districts in the District?

- Historic districts are problematic, and we have too many of them.
Q14
The District is likely to begin a rewrite of its Comprehensive Plan, its foundational land-use document, in 2025. In a rewrite of the Comprehensive Plan, which of these three options would be your top priority?

Creating opportunities for new housing in my commission's area

Q15
My ANC, not just my SMD, has:

Just the right amount

Q16
Do you think there are not enough cars, enough cars, or too many cars in the District?

Enough cars

Q17
The Sustainable D.C. 2.0 plan includes a target of reducing commuter trips made by car to 25 percent. Do you agree that incentivizing residents and visitors to drive less should be an explicit policy goal of the District?

Yes

Q18
Incentives for people to drive less and nudges to make them drive safely can prevent drivers from killing other people, but research shows such “carrots” won’t be enough to curb the public health crisis of increasing traffic fatalities. Keeping people alive and safe on District roads requires policies that actively reshape our transportation systems and built environment to decrease single-occupancy vehicle trips, and to slow down drivers when they do make those trips. Please rank the following policies in the order that you would like to see the District government pursue them.

Implementing a road-pricing program 10
Increasing the cost to own a car in the District, including RPP and parking registration 11
Removing minimum parking requirements in new developments near transit 3
Implementing road diets on arterial streets 4
Making some streets, especially residential streets, car-free 5
Regional reciprocity for automated traffic enforcement 1
Building more housing and affordable housing in the District proximate to transit and job centers 2
Regularly removing travel lanes for bus lanes 6
Regularly removing parking lanes for bus lanes 7
Regularly removing travel lanes for bike lanes 8
Regularly removing parking lanes for bike lanes 9
Q19
The above question asks about systemic policies to reduce trips by car that the District's executive and legislative branches would need to initiate. As a commissioner, your powers are only advisory, but the intensely local nature of the role means that you can direct your attention to shepherding improvements to the built environment in your neighborhood that, while smaller in scale than changing District law or instituting a new citywide program, are no less important to making all road users safer. Please rank the following initiatives in the order you would be most enthusiastic about your ANC considering a resolution concerning them.

The installation of more automated traffic enforcement cameras to ticket drivers for speeding or running red lights and stop signs 1
The removal of parking spaces as part of a project to widen sidewalks 7
The removal of parking spaces as part of a project to build a protected bike lane 9
The removal of parking spaces as part of a project to build a bus-priority lane 5
The removal of parking spaces near crosswalks to increase the visibility of pedestrians to drivers, referred to as “daylighting” 4
The removal of residential parking spaces to enable short-term parking for delivery drivers 6
The installation of speed bumps to slow down drivers 2
The installation of raised crosswalks with high-visibility signage to alert drivers to pedestrians 3
The temporary or permanent closure of certain streets to single-occupancy vehicles to create zones for pedestrians 8

Q20
On-street parking occurs in public space. This means that an on-street parking spot does not belong to a specific individual, and people park in different places at different times. What do you consider a reasonable rule of thumb for deciding if a neighborhood has enough street parking?

A resident is able to find an available public street parking space within two to three blocks, in any direction of their residence (about a five- to seven-minute walk), most of the time

Q21
The District's goal to be carbon-free by 2050 requires most of the reduction of its transportation emissions to come from residents turning existing single-occupancy vehicle trips into transit, walking, and biking trips. Please describe at least one trip you currently take by car (even if you, yourself, are not driving) that you can commit to taking on foot, by bus, by train, via a mobility device, or by bike instead.

I'm slow to get out of bed in the morning which means I'm always in a rush to get to class on time. I will - begrudgingly - get up early this semester so I can take the metro to school instead of splurging on an Uber.
Q22

What do you feel is the biggest issue in your neighborhood, and what is your position on it? And, given the limited scope of commissioners’ and commissions’ authority, what would you, most realistically, do about that issue if you are elected?

I feel the biggest issue in my neighborhood is, and my position on it is:

Public Safety, we need DC agencies and nonprofits to agree on a cohesive, shared plan of action instead of the reactive efforts we’ve seen so far

Coordinate with other ANCs to push the DC government to fully implement the CJCC’s Gun Violence Reduction Strategic Plan - we would send letters to the Deputy Mayor Appiah and ask for regular updates; advocate for more funding for business beat officers on the 14th Street NW corridor near the civic plaza to fight back against a rash of thefts in the last few months; continue to host public safety summits with representatives from DC’s criminal justice space - DBH, MPD, ONSE, OAG and violence interrupters - and local stakeholders - like the Latin American Youth Center and tenants associations - so residents can directly ask these agencies what the plan is to drive down crime. The first one I held only had government representatives and I realize that was a mistake - we need NGO’s and other stakeholders at the table; notify more residents of the CameraConnect program while also passing a resolution to ensure this new program and the Real-Time Crime Center adheres to civil liberties standards; advocate for the passage of truancy reduction legislation - Councilmembers Allen and Parker are currently developing separate bills - because truancy is a factor in juvenile offenses; finally, I will review the forthcoming 2025 John Hopkins report on the effectiveness of violence interrupters programs and see what changes we need to advocate for in those programs - we have VI's serving in our area and anything we can do to make those programs better, we should do.
Q23
ANC commissioners represent about 2,000 constituents and, when sworn in, commit to upholding the District of Columbia's interests, not solely your commission's or single-member district's. With the understanding that you are not going hear from every single one of your constituents during your term, and that commissioners are sworn to act in the interest of the entire District, describe how you might make decisions as an elected representative.

What's best for our city might not be immediately beneficial to all of my residents. There's a tension there that Councilmembers and ANC's need to respect and acknowledge, even if we can't happily resolve it. The Mayor's now completed goal of 35,000 new houses in the District by 2025 or new priority bus lanes that decrease parking are good for the District as a whole and I support them. When I have residents who oppose them or have issues with them, I try to walk them through the benefits and identify ways to respond to them - is it the look of the home worrying you? If I showed you the design of the home development would that allay your concerns? Is it the design of the bus route that's problematic? - and I've noticed that people respect that I take into consideration their views and respond even if we ultimately disagree.

Q24
Why do you think you are the right person to serve as an ANC commissioner for your SMD?

I meet my residents where they are, rather than expect them to how up at ANC meetings. Every two months I pick a block and knock on the doors of my residents to inform them what I'm doing and ask for their feedback. Every quarter I drop off newsletters on their doors. I've worked hard for my residents and it's led to results through my work with Councilmember Nadeau - more funding for DPW in our area so trash collection is more consistent, MPD responding quickly to issues raised to me by my residents, and public safety events to keep our residents informed. Councilmember Nadeau recognized these accomplishments when she endorsed my re-election and I will continue accomplishing more for my residents.

Being an ANC is hard work but it's rooted me in a community. And I don't take that community or the responsibility they've given me as their advocate for granted.