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

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**Q3**
Select the SMD in which you are running:

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**Q4**
Please upload a headshot that GGWash has your permission to use in its materials related to the 2024 election and endorsements process in the District, which may include publication on our website, in emails, on social media, or in other formats.

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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."

I am really excited about the apartments being built in the SunTrust Plaza area on the corner of 18th Street and Adams Mill Road – this development will bring much needed housing and additional retail spaces to our neighborhood. There is also a (seemingly) vacant space at the corner of 17th street NW and Kalorama Road NW that used to house a corner store / sandwich shop – to my knowledge, nothing has taken its place, and I think it would be a great space for the building of new apartments.

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

- Costing no more than 30 percent of one’s household income
- Not means-tested or income-restricted

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

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.

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<td>More income-restricted, subsidized units than are required by District law</td>
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<td>Income-restricted, subsidized units restricted to lower income levels than initially proposed by the developer</td>
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<td>Income-restricted, subsidized units with more than one bedroom</td>
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<td>Parks, landscaping, and/or public art</td>
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<td>A Capital Bikeshare station</td>
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<td>Improvements or repairs to, or replacement of, streets and sidewalks</td>
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<td>Direct cash payments to local organizations, such as civic associations and ANCs</td>
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<td>Direct cash payments to local schools and youth programs</td>
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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 important, but they are also problematic. We have the right number of historic districts and landmarks and shouldn’t be adding more.
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:

Too few bars and restaurants

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

Too many 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.

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<td>Implementing a road-pricing program</td>
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<td>Increasing the cost to own a car in the District, including RPP and parking registration</td>
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<td>Removing minimum parking requirements in new developments near transit</td>
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<td>Implementing road diets on arterial streets</td>
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<td>Making some streets, especially residential streets, car-free</td>
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<td>Regional reciprocity for automated traffic enforcement</td>
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<td>Building more housing and affordable housing in the District proximate to transit and job centers</td>
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<td>Regularly removing travel lanes for bus lanes</td>
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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 8
The removal of parking spaces as part of a project to widen sidewalks 2
The removal of parking spaces as part of a project to build a protected bike lane 4
The removal of parking spaces as part of a project to build a bus-priority lane 7
The removal of parking spaces near crosswalks to increase the visibility of pedestrians to drivers, referred to as “daylighting” 3
The removal of residential parking spaces to enable short-term parking for delivery drivers 9
The installation of speed bumps to slow down drivers 5
The installation of raised crosswalks with high-visibility signage to alert drivers to pedestrians 6
The temporary or permanent closure of certain streets to single-occupancy vehicles to create zones for pedestrians 1

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 live about a ten minute walk from my dog’s vet, but I usually use my car to drive him there when we go for check ups, because it can be difficult to get him to walk quickly (or at all, if it’s hot outside!). I want to try taking this trip via bike, and think it would be easy to do so once I find the right backpack to carry my dog in (I recently found one designed for corgis that I think is going to work perfectly!).

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:  

After speaking with residents in my SMD, I feel that the biggest issue in my neighborhood is waste management and rodent control. On any given day, between 1-3 deceased rats can be found on the sidewalk of the street I live on, which is a health and safety hazard. The rats jump out of trash bins at residents, and have eaten holes in car wires, outdoor furniture and grills. In some cases, rats have begun to make homes in residents' apartments. The District's Department of Health currently works to fix this issue by deploying rat poison for two weeks at a time, but this is a short-term mitigation of the issue, rather than a long-term solution. My position is that the District and its agencies need to take action to provide additional waste management options for residents that allow for more efficient food scrap disposal. By eliminating food waste and scraps from household trash bins, we can likely cut down on the food supply of the rodents causing issues on our streets.

If elected, I would:  

Work with my fellow commissioners to request that the Department of Public Works expand the pilot compost program to accommodate a greater number of residents and lead an effort to notify residents in my neighborhood of DPW's new food waste drop-off program and the opportunity to provide feedback on the program.

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.

I will work to make myself as available as possible to the residents I represent by attending public events (e.g. Farmer's Market every Saturday) in my ANC and SMD and tabling or making an effort to introduce myself and speak to residents who may also be in attendance. By making myself visible on a weekly basis and being present in public areas where residents of my neighborhood already are, I hope to give those I represent a convenient, low-barrier way to talk about what they need to live comfortably in the District. I hope to use the information I get from residents in this way to make decisions that make the District the best it can be. In addition to working to make myself available to residents for in-person discussion, I will use information shared by residents via social media, email, phone call, and text message as resources for informed decision-making. I will also research what other cities like ours may be doing to combat similar issues we may face as a way to ensure I'm making educated decisions that are in the District's and my neighborhood's best interests.
Q24

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

I love the District and my neighborhood, and I want to take an active role in making them places where every person who wants to live here can do so and thrive. I’m an excellent communicator with strong organizational skills, and I’ll work diligently to ensure residents in my neighborhood have what they need to live happily and comfortably.