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2020 Greater Greater Washington ANC Candidate Questionnaire

Ward 8 Responses ( = Endorsed by GGWash, * = Great Answers)

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Brian Thompson

ANC and Single Member District: 8A03

1) Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):

Mode of Travel	Frequency
<i>Metro</i>	Infrequently
<i>Metrobus</i>	Never
<i>Bike or Bikeshare</i>	Occasionally
<i>Scooter</i>	Never
<i>Shared Ride (e.g., Lyft, Uber)</i>	Infrequently
<i>Personal Car/Motor Vehicle</i>	Frequently
<i>Shared Car/Motor Vehicle (e.g., Zipcar, Getaround, etc.)</i>	Never
<i>Walking</i>	Infrequently

2) If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.

I'd approach DDOT in an effort to establish permitted zoned parking in the SMD and request enhanced parking enforcement targeting out of state and expired ROSA vehicles parked on city streets.

3) During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?

This isn't the overall best option but it has been the wisest and most appropriate option regarding a need pivot in business operations due to COVID.

4) To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?

This neighborhood is already overburdened with rental and low income housing. I would advocate for the sharing of these housing facilities equitably across the city.

5) Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?

Ease of tax burdens for businesses below a certain revenue threshold and tax credits for landlords of those businesses.

- 6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Traffic safety and use of local roadways by out of state vehicles of high speed access and egress to the city's business core and for access of prostitution providers in the area.

- 7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?**

I care, I'm paying attention, I have an appropriate skill set and I think we can do better.

- 8) How will you continue to support the MLK Gateway development so it serves the community's needs? Do you support the current plan?**

Yes, I support the effort and look forward to maintaining community awareness and engagement of the project including efforts to establish new businesses that may need to relocate to less expensive commercial spaces due to the COVID crisis.

- 9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?**

I'd increase traffic safety measures that prioritize pedestrian and bike access to roadways even at the expense of convenience for commuters in single occupancy vehicles traveling from out of state. I'd also increase fees and registration requirements for out of state commuter buses to discourage their use of city roadways.

Laneice Moore

ANC and Single Member District: 8A04

1) Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):

Mode of Travel	Frequency
<i>Metro</i>	Occasionally
<i>Metrobus</i>	Frequently
<i>Bike or Bikeshare</i>	Never
<i>Scooter</i>	Never
<i>Shared Ride (e.g., Lyft, Uber)</i>	Frequently
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2) If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.

Although parking is a daily struggle for some in my neighborhood, the removal of on-street parking would require city officials to expand and build more parking lots. Most of the Residents rely greatly on public transportation and the removal of on-street parking would also require drivers to choose to park illegal! Parking illegal would create serious congestion and jeopardize the safety of passing motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and small children.

3) During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?

ANC online meetings was able to include more Residents, especially those who aren't able to attend ANC meetings in person. The majority of the Residents have access to the internet to be able to view these meetings and they can determine for themselves how honest, straightforward and sincere Community Leaders are in resolving any issues and concerns they may have.

Moving forward, I'd like to see ANCs become more active in their Communities helping the Younger generation to excel in becoming successful and productive citizens and not being able to depend on any Government assistance. Truth be told, they are part of the Community too.

4) To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?

ANC in my Community should support an affordable housing plan that not only meet the needs of those making 60% of the AMI, (Area Median Income), but the needs of people of all income levels.

Every Community should have equal access to Schools, Parks and Libraries. We, the neighborhood, shall all expect to do our fair share to solve problems and address the challenges of sharing a city. Fair share doesn't just mean keeping things out of the neighborhoods, but putting services and resources in where they are under-served and under-represented.

5) Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?

Providing small and medium businesses in my Community with the necessary information they would need to stay afloat during this Pandemic. I would also tip Servers generously, purchase gift cards and share any jobs with people who may loose work during this trying time.

6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?

Employment, Housing and Substance Abuse.

I would like to make sure that everyone whose suffering with these issues have an opportunity to equally gain employment, seek housing and help with any Substance Abuse problems they may have that prevents them from having a better future. Bars, Restaurants, Corner Markets and Liquor Stores needs to be held accountable for the condition of their patrons when they are hanging outside and when they leave their establishments. Public drinking, urination, crime and drug use is a big problem throughout my Community. Visitors have NO RESPECT for the Community whatsoever. Even though it's the People's Constitutional Right to assemble peaceably, doesn't give them the right, especially those not from the neighborhood, to DISRESPECT, DESTROY PRIVATE and PUBLIC PROPERTY and make a NUISANCE of themselves. This is an on-going issue and if it's not controlled, the problem will spread widely to new DEVELOPMENTS that's coming to Ward 8.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

I would, "Lead By Example " and focus on going "Back To The Basics"!

Communication is very important. I'll be showing the Residents how to push for greatness by taking responsibility for the well-being of the Residents and improvements in my Community.

I genuinely care about my Community and their needs. I'm self-motivated to bring services and resources to the Community, such as, providing transportation to and from the Grocery Stores, Doctor's appointments so the Residents can receive high quality care, listening and gaining their trust and listening to the Residents concerns and complaints to help bring some peace of mind. Holding monthly meetings in my home for the Youth to let their ANC know what it is She/He can do for them. Help City Officials to improve and provide a safer neighborhood by acknowledging that my Community deserves a descent place to live.

Landlords need to provide a more safer way for their Tenants and their Children to live.

I strongly feel that the Spirit is gone. We're not just a Community, we're an extended Family that I hold nearest and dearest to my heart and will go to bat for.

8) How will you continue to support the MLK Gateway development so it serves the community's needs? Do you support the current plan?

Recommend that Ward 8 Residents living in the Historic Anacostia area seek jobs, housing and shop. Learn Real Estate at the Academy that's been provided so the Community could participate in the development of Ward 8 and learn to purchase homes of their own.

I'm all in for revitalization that help bring jobs, housing and amenities to Ward 8 which would allow the Residents to make, spend and keep money in the growing Community.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

Safety is a top priority and DOT plays a role with improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Communicating with DOT, making sure they provide any and all information on safety measures needed for pedestrians and cyclists to follow. By providing this information, it would help prevent traffic violations and crashes of motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. Following the rules of the road and looking out for each other will help a great deal.

Jamila White

ANC and Single Member District: 8A05

1) Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):

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2) If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.

I believe residents want to live in neighborhoods with a healthy mix of transportation and commuting options, but it's important to be creative and equitable when thinking about infrastructure, and for too long this has not happened. In my neighborhood and district there is very limited street parking. The community is almost an equal mix of residents who live in apartments that lack any parking and row homes with no driveways. Many of the streets do not have zone parking thus at night the streets are packed. Any decisions should come only after thorough, data-driven impact and equity assessments to understand effects on residents, development, transportation and safety and their desires. Everyone wants neighborhoods that are walkable, that is bike-friendly because they improve citizen quality of life. But remember this community does not have much in terms of services and amenities that are walkable. Often without transportation we are cut off. There are creative ways to make vehicles traffic, bikers, joggers, and walkers play well together, and it will take forming creative partnerships with all stakeholders at the table--something I'm passionate about. I believe that if we leverage our parks and greenspaces and strategically study where mixed transit options has worked and where it hasn't we can have a vibrant mix of transportation options that work for all constituents. For example, advocating that the city explore more modern carbon efficient forms of transportation, looking at models used in Asia and Europe, as well as exploring smaller more leaner buses like in Europe, more neighborhood residential routes, and paths to connect these routes we can make a lot of headway.

3) During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?

ANCs adapted responsibility to the current context and going digital has allowed for residents with disabilities, elderly and those unable to attend in-person meetings due to personal or work commitments to participate. Unfortunately, Ward 8 has the lowest data accessibility rates in the city essentially living in a digital divide thus creating access barriers for residents without or with limited internet access. Post COVID, I would like to see ANC continue to incorporate digital connection to the live meeting to allow greater access and to ensure ASL interpreters at each meeting.

- 4) To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

Affordable housing is essential to ensuring a vibrant and diverse community, and something I'm passionate about and support efforts to increase available affordable housing. Every day gets harder for families and elder residents, the rent gets higher, people just give up and move to Waldorf. My community is rapidly changing, the cost of housing is drastically increasing with homes routinely selling for more than \$400-500k. Prices are increasing daily in part due to the city's overall housing crisis. As other wards get more expensive, folks flock to Ward 8 for cheaper housing, pushing up our housing costs. The dream of homeownership is quickly becoming a fantasy for many. Home ownership is critical in this community as it creates wealth and can help decrease the racial wealth disparity. Plans should not only focus on affordable rental housing but also increased homeownership funding and programs for low income families to increase wealth and equity. The ANC is a vital voice in advocating for equitable and creative development planning that works for everyone--not just those who are more fortunate.

- 5) Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?**

The present and future vibrancy of our community depends on supporting local business, and aiding prospective entrepreneurs. In many ways it's life and death, and they need a voice. I plan on advocating to continue and expand PPP, small business economic recovery funding specifically through grants and other investment opportunities, and facilitating creative connections that make our entrepreneurial community stronger and more connected with the community and each other. In addition, ensuring that small businesses EoTR are included in reopening DC plans and strategies when it comes to safely reopening. Ward 8 was the last community to report COVID cases and has the highest death rates due to existing disparities. Thus, reopening has to carefully consider the community and effects to them. In addition, our community has ideas and talent interested in enterprise opportunities yet lack access to financing, technical assistance, space and more. As part of the COVID recovery plans, I will advocate to increase pathways for enterprise development and entrepreneurship for local entrepreneurs.

- 6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Equal access to resources is the most important issue. That ranges from quality education, affordable housing, economic opportunities, food, elderly services, and opportunities for community led safety, healing and crime prevention interventions. COVID has highlighted the unequal access to resources and interventions to decrease the racial wealth gap and address the root problems and outcomes of systemic poverty. ANC is a pipeline to power we can use to make our voices heard louder. And now more than ever we need to harness the vibrant and resilient knowledge of our community and our neighbors. This is what I do best - I believe in co-creating solutions. This is an opportunity for us to solve these challenges and reimagine what we want in our community and the ANC can help us get there. I want to ensure inclusion of all residents whose wisdom and input we need and develop a community centered social and economic plan. We have to be proactive, making sure resources and decision-making power is shifted from how it has been.

- 7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?**

I believe in solving big problems, waking up tomorrow and doing it again, and again, and again, because that is what it will take to give my neighbors the community they deserve. I want to advance the cause of the current residents and ensure they have the right representation that is solely in their interest to address the growing disparities while preserving the rich historic history of our community. Ward 8 is stronger when we collaborate to co-create change--and everything we need is right here to do just that. I am used to hard work, to being on my feet and convening a variety of voices to find big answers to big problems. I am smart, loud, passionate, and have experience working with small businesses on economic recovery and communities on

community centered development. Our zip code should not determine our destiny, I believe our collective will and ability to look out for each other must.

8) How will you continue to support the MLK Gateway development so it serves the community's needs? Do you support the current plan?

We need retail, services, investment, and job opportunities in Anacostia. As such I support the gateway and as Commissioner would continue to engage with developers to ensure that residents voices in the design and amenities are included. The development is moving very fast with not as much information being provided to the community on next steps, leasing efforts, etc. thus there is an opportunity to increase engagement with the developers. We are keen to see more options for local enterprise and entrepreneurship development, space and activities for youth and elderly, access to food (which is already planned) while preserving the history richness of the community. Transparency, creativity, and community partnership build the trust, access, and goodwill needed to spur sustainable development.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

For pedestrian safety, more traffic studies are needed to slow down speeds in high residential neighborhoods with elderly, children, and families to understand where more speed bumps, mirrors and other safety measures can be installed. Bicycle safety is essential to safety and fostering a vibrant community. But it must be done right. We must recognize the perception that bike lanes are often perceived as a luxury that does not take into account the entire community. The conversation must include increasing transportation and connection options for marginalized communities if it is to work. Efforts to expand bike lanes should come with an racial equity study to understand impact on the community along with ensuring that bike lanes come with increased connection options and transportation for residents, along with greater access to actual bikes, helmets and safety training--something I believe can and should happen. The community must be involved in these conversations to ensure that their transportation needs are met. Lastly, we need to understand how planned bike lanes work with our major streets. Infrastructure changes have consequences that can be severe if not done right. For example, one of the dedicated lanes on MLK avenue has turned into a bike/bus lane. While we have growing development on this street with no street parking or parking garages cars are stopping and parking illegally including on the sidewalk to go to Starbucks now. This was a consequence that could and should have been foreseen if a more thoughtful approach to development had been taken that takes into account the needs, desires, and behaviors of the community. We need holistic transportation plans that consider equity, development, safety and community needs. That happens through creative conversations with all stakeholders at the table, with a unique eye toward inclusion and equity. Big problems require big solutions. What our transportation infrastructure looks like is no different.

Robin McKinney

ANC and Single Member District: 8A06

- 1) Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):

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<i>Walking</i>	Occasionally

- 2) If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.

Bike Infrastructure is one way to look at things. Safety plan for public transportation

- 3) During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?

This is a plus factor for most constituents in DC. It's 2020 it shouldn't took for Covid -19 to happen for us to look into new methods for everyone to attend ANC meetings

- 4) To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?

The Proposal should be 40,000

- 5) Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?

Tax forgiveness program

- 6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?

Drugs, crime ,and homelessness.i It's not enough development to develop our community, so that all constituents can benefit from it. Investment in equity.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

I went from homelessness to home ownership, I know how to navigate through the system. when it comes to development, public transportation, infrastructure, CBAi and zoning I know the process and my constituents. I've been providing free notary services to all our constituents DC for free, for over five years and I understand their concerns.

8) How will you continue to support the MLK Gateway development so it serves the community's needs? Do you support the current plan?

Pushing out newsletters and keeping up with the CBA agreements.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

Come up with a plan for bike infrastructure with the residents in the community.

Kristina "K" Leszczak

ANC and Single Member District: 8A06

1) Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):

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2) If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.

The safety of pedestrians and cyclists is of critical importance to every neighborhood. Reliable, high-quality bus transit across the District is also key. In 8A06, Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE is a major street for public and private transit. Even amid the pandemic and the decreased numbers of individuals traveling to and from work, it remains a busy street. A number of factors play into this, including high bus ridership as well as the need to travel across the river for such basic services as a grocery store. Some parking lanes along Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE are now turning into bus-only lanes. While spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, it is a long overdue move to prioritize public transit east of the river.

3) During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?

COVID-19 has provided an opportunity to rethink online meetings. While online meetings lack many benefits of an in-person ANC meeting (e.g. face-to-face conversations, public interactions leading to questions and new ideas), they also provide an opportunity for greater attendance and information sharing. Without the need to leave home or take off from work early to make it to an in-person meeting, more residents can play an active role on issues and decisions affecting their neighborhoods. While different, virtual meetings still afford great opportunities for collaboration. Chat functions provide for real-time feedback and follow-up emails can prove less intimidating than a face-to-face encounter. That being said, inclusion, accessibility and transparency can be lost when a resident lacks the appropriate technology or know-how to participate in an online meeting. A few solutions to ensure this does not happen is to adopt a "hybrid" approach when safe to do so, which would provide for both in-person and virtual attendance, as well as options to both call in and use video conferencing equipment. Providing residents readouts in the form of emails, web content and paper flyers will also go a long way in promoting community involvement and collaboration.

4) To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing

housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?

As ANC, addressing both housing insecurity and welcoming new neighbors is critical. It is important to focus on programs that both encourage home ownership and provide rental assistance. Balance is needed to help a community grow and develop. As a result, providing affordable housing throughout the District is a shared responsibility and should not be concentrated in any one neighborhood. Using the District's Office of Planning data to look at affordable housing as a share of total housing within ANC 8A, I found it is 25 percent. Affordable housing as a share of total housing within ANC 2D, 3D and 3C is nearly zero percent. While this data is admittedly dated (it is from 2018), it clearly shows the need to improve how housing insecurity is addressed throughout the District. In my SMD, Maple View Flats (2228 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE) is a 114-unit, five-story affordable property completed in 2019. The units are restricted to households earning up to 60% of AMI. A six-story, 68,000 square-foot multi-use building is planned at 2255 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue SE. As I understand, there will be 71 residential units. Fourteen (14) units are planned to be market-rate, and the remainder are to be for households earning up to 60% of AMI. Finally, as the District works to meet its housing needs, it is also important to hold developers accountable. I remember when the Peebles Corporation tried to negotiate an agreement with the District government to build required affordable units for its planned Fifth and Eye hotel off-site. The development team pitched, unsuccessfully, a plan to build the project's affordable units in a seven-story building at 2100 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue. Transparency, accountability and shared responsibility are key when addressing our city's housing needs.

5) Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?

While this virus continues to affect us all, it is not an equal opportunity offender. The CDC recently released new nationwide data showing that 30 percent of COVID-19 patients are African American, even though African Americans make up around 13 percent of the population. It is of critical importance to provide personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies to our local businesses as well as, when available, distribute COVID-19 vaccines free of charge to all residents.

There are additional factors, however, that will determine the success of retail and restaurant spaces in Anacostia. With and without COVID-19, one of the fundamental challenges businesses East of the River face is the area's low aggregate income. To address our community's low aggregate income, we must advocate for mixed-income residential developments that are designed with a community perspective. Concentrated poverty perpetuates a cycle of neighborhood disinvestment and limited access to amenities and services. Positive outcomes for our small and medium businesses are more likely when income diversity is welcomed.

Another key challenge is access to information. Just take a look at the District's Small Business Microgrants program, launched in response to COVID-19. Ward 8 had the lowest number of recipients as a percentage of total grants issued – only four percent. And yet, of those applications submitted, 95 percent all applications were approved. As ANC, I will work to address the disconnect with our neighborhood's ability to connect individual and business needs to existing services and opportunities.

6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?

Tragedy should not be a political weapon. In the past year, homicides and domestic violence have increased. Rather than adhering to calls to defund police, I believe it is important to support violence prevention through collaborative community engagement. As Councilmember White has said, there is a need for violence-interrupting programs. We have too many residents affected by, and losing their lives to, violence. Violence is part of a larger system that has inequities of access: access to education, housing, healthcare, and environmental and criminal justice. Police reform is also needed to enable police to keep minority communities safe. We can start with police training to address racial biases and hold police officers accountable in a transparent way. The lack of accountability is reflected in statistics. Police are convicted or incarcerated at about half the rate at which members of the public are. Not defunding the police, however, does not mean there does not exist a real need to secure

additional funds for agencies better equipped to focus on community needs like mental health, domestic abuse, addiction or homelessness.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

Each candidate here has shown his or her commitment to be of service to others by running for the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner position: We want to prevent violence, we want our children to have a high-quality education, we want to fight for justice. These are shared responsibilities and require us to see beyond ourselves because we are stronger together. I am running for the 8A06 Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner position because together as a community we have to do the hard work to achieve the future we collectively want. While I have been a resident of Anacostia since 2010, I understand my story of homeownership and my socioeconomic status are still the exception, and not the norm. However, I am not only passionate about the well-being of my neighbors but I also have both the expertise in policy advocacy and a positive track record of actions taken to date to support my SMD.

8) How will you continue to support the MLK Gateway development so it serves the community's needs? Do you support the current plan?

The first phase of the MLK Gateway will restore and incorporate the façades of four historic single-story commercial storefronts along Good Hope Road SE. In July, a new application was filed with the Historic Preservation Office for MLK Gateway II. I support a project that as developer Bo Menkiti has said will drive neighborhood impact and “enhance historic Anacostia with neighborhood offerings that support community engagement and economic vitality.” It is exciting to learn that the newest tenant, Capital One Café, will provide free confidential one-on-one Money Coaching sessions and Money Workshops to better enable residents to achieve their financial goals. ANC 8A has also voted to conditionally support the second phase of MLK Gateway, so long as the developer continues to engage ANC, the Historic Anacostia Preservation Society, and our residents. In line with current 8A06 Commissioner Jones, I support a development project that is respectful of our historic district while bringing a much-needed upgrade to the community. While information is shared with the ANC, more information should also be proactively shared with our residents. The MLK Gateway project website, for example, references a blog and Facebook page for project updates; while the blog has not been updated since 2018, the Facebook page does not exist. The construction site is also bare without sufficient images or information about what residents and passersby can expect. There is a community benefits agreement in place and as ANC I will work to ensure information is shared to highlight how the project’s focus is reflective of what our SMD community members want.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

In 2019, half of the traffic fatalities in the District happened in Ward 8. Whether a more or less congested street, high-visibility crosswalk markings, better signage, pedestrian refuge islands, and slower driving can save lives. Pedestrian and bicyclist safety should never be compromised to accommodate unsafe drivers or guaranteed parking. In Ward 8, the latter can be addressed by working with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to implement residential permit parking (RPP) programs so that those residents that use a car and need parking can participate. Improving public transit routes, providing reliable transportation alternatives, and increasing access to grocery stores as well as other amenities within our ward would also help decrease the need for more parking. It is disappointing that DDOT removed newly-built, protected bike lanes on Alabama Ave SE rather than work alongside Ward 8 ANCs to make the case for these safety improvements. It is encouraging to learn that the D.C. Council passed unanimous legislation in September to accelerate improvements to bike and pedestrian infrastructure, expand the city’s automated traffic enforcement program, and boost traffic safety education.

Aiyi'nah Ford

ANC and Single Member District: 8A06

1) Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):

Mode of Travel	Frequency
<i>Metro</i>	Never
<i>Metrobus</i>	Never
<i>Bike or Bikeshare</i>	Occasionally
<i>Scooter</i>	Never
<i>Shared Ride (e.g., Lyft, Uber)</i>	Occasionally
<i>Personal Car/Motor Vehicle</i>	Occasionally
<i>Shared Car/Motor Vehicle (e.g., Zipcar, Getaround, etc.)</i>	Occasionally
<i>Walking</i>	Frequently

2) If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.

As Commissioner, it would be important for me to give accurate information to the commUNITY while also providing government agencies with feedback that reflects the wishes of my constituents. In order to effectively do this I would:

Schedule a Zoom meeting with the DDOT, WMATA, and the other DC government agencies directly involved in this decision-making process. This meeting would give me a comprehensive understanding of the plans that are intended. I would not share my views on the matter during this meeting. Instead, I would take notes that would be made publicly available on the www.aplus8a06.com website. My campaign website that will be converted into an information hub for our SMD no matter if I'm elected or not. An action item from the meeting would be to schedule an SMD meeting where these agencies can share this information with 8A06 and hear their feedback. I would require their notes and presentation to be made available at least 7 days before the meeting in order to give residents time to do make their decisions.

I would publicize the SMD meeting using print, digital, and telephone outreach. As a COVID-19 precaution, I would leave printed door hangers for every constituent. These would be distributed by volunteer CommUNITY Block Captains that I intend to organize. The back of the door hanger is a Constituent Comment Form for residents to provide written feedback regarding the matter. The digital advertisement would be posted on social media and the Nextdoor app. It will include a link to the same Constituent Comment Form so that those residents who may not make the meeting or feel comfortable sharing their views in public can still weigh in. After collecting the feedback, I would present the collective findings to the community (by print/phone/digital outreach) and at the above-referenced SMD meeting.

Following the constituent comment period, I would present the community's collective recommendation(s) to the other 8A ANC Commissioners with whom I serve. I would inquire about:

the impact this project is having/would have on their constituents
what if/any outreach my colleagues have done in order to hear their neighbor's thoughts
and how they felt ANC8A could move forward collectively.

Hypothetically speaking, this proposal would have an impact on many of the residents in 8A. We've found that Seniors and people with varying physical abilities (disabled persons) will be the most adversely impacted. I would propose a golden parking pass specifically for Seniors. These passes would correlate with spots that are reserved for these neighbors. I would also offer the collective recommendations that my 8A06 constituents have voted as least oppositional on their quality of life. Unfortunately,

I can not forecast my final recommendations because they would derive from the conversations I have with the neighbors I serve.

3) During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?

I live in Ward 8 and would be elected to serve within Ward 8. Ward 8 has the largest digital divide in the entire city. The transition of ANC meetings to a digital platform has served to make it even more difficult for these Ward 8 residents to become involved. Prior to COVID-19, the lack of childcare for working families, hot meals for our hungry neighbors, and interpretation for immigrant or deaf neighbors are just a few of the many things that meetings have made ANC meetings inaccessible for people of those lived experiences. Moving forward, I would like to see ANC's come up with a streamlined process for print, phone, and digital outreach. I will be committed to ensuring every ANC communication is shared digitally, by phone, and paper to my constituents. I will update my SMD's website to accurately reflect meeting notes, commUNITY events. I will continue my pre-existing CyberSeniors tech support initiative that teaches Ward 8 Seniors how to navigate Zoom, Webex, Google, and the other avenues required to engage our government in a post-COVID society. I will be the bridge across the digital divide.

4) To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?

I do not support this initiative because it is an under-handed attempt to use jargon in a way that makes unaffordable housing sound affordable. The question that every ANC must always ask is; "Affordable to whom?" Further investigation would reveal that the majority of working families and single professionals do not make enough to afford this new housing even with the proposed subsidy. This is particularly true in Ward 8 where the average income is \$36,697 in comparison to \$90,695 citywide. You can find that data here: <https://www.dchealthmatters.org/demographicdata?id=131495§ionId=941> This eliminates many Ward 8 workers from this supposed fair shot. Thus, I can not give it my support. I think that neighborhoods should begin prioritizing housing for the most vulnerable—our homeless. If you speak to our homeless neighbors regularly you will learn they come from all 8 wards. There should be emergency shelters and transitional housing in every Ward so they are not looking for safe spaces to pitch tents. We must also be willing to see a tent as affordable housing and refrain from the disposal of people's belongings for the purposes of beautification. Until we have done those things, I can't really agree with this proposal.

5) Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?

My 100-day plan www.aplus8a06.com/theplan outlines exactly how I intend to speak with my neighborhood's business owners and not for them. I would seek to partner with the Anacostia BID and DSLBD in order to:

host a series of listening sessions

conduct a Single Member District-wide survey that gives a clear outline of the unique ways 8A06 businesses of all sizes have been impacted. I must state that Pre-COVID Ward 8 businesses were not in a position to be as successful as businesses based across the bridge. Ward 8 does not have a printing facility. This means signs, marketing materials, and presentations can not be produced here for any business. Ward 8 has three places to conduct a sit-down business lunch; a daily practice for many business owners across the bridge. The state of crime in our community often results in business deliveries being stolen or product fulfillment and shipping to be delayed. For these reasons, I would like to see DSLBD offering technical support and funding to businesses that have been or will be forced to change their business models in order to survive in a post-pandemic D.C.

For example, a caterer who may have been successful due to business lunches and large convenings (Bar Mitzvah, Quinceañera, Weddings) may transition to healthy meal prep services or home-delivered family size meals for parents that are stressed due to telecommuting and distance learning. I'm certain a small grant and 10 hours of technical assistance could mean

the difference between staying open or closing. Beyond that idea, I would offer up the recommendations from the business owners themselves as they know what they need.

6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?

I think the biggest issue in Ward 8 is the lack of quality, rapid-response mental health support for our troubled and traumatized neighbors. The gross negligence and lack of transparency from government agencies and their community partners have become contributing factors to this problem. Our citywide leadership's refusal to discuss this issue is the direct cause of exacerbation. Compare the numbers with the news headlines and you can see for yourself. The prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Environments coupled with the lack of trauma-informed training for agencies and organizations funded to address this issue have resulted in multiple murders in my SMD alone. In fact, more than 2 people were killed on the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Ave and Talbert Court in broad daylight. I must add that these fatalities occurred with less than a month's time between them. When Ward 8 is repeatedly burying children and the violence interrupters paid to protect them we have a major issue. Our babies are killed before they can reach high school and we won't discuss it after the vigil. I want to work with neighbors who are committed to ensuring the vigil never happens in the first place. The moment our leadership chooses silence is the exact moment that poor living conditions and limited opportunities turn crime into a source of income and reliable housing for someone who would go without otherwise. We must address this issue collectively and comprehensively and that starts with acknowledging the problem exists.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

I am the only ANC 8A06 candidate with any experience (12+ years) in strengthening community government relations. I am called "The CommUNITY Candidate" because my neighbors know that I will be the same commUNITY organizer on November 4, 2020, that I was on November 4, 2012. Voting for me says Ward 8 does not need the standard politician: we need a plan that raises the standard. My 100-day plan (published September 20, 2020) aligns with reputation and my resume; my competence and passion are incontrovertible.

8) How will you continue to support the MLK Gateway development so it serves the community's needs? Do you support the current plan?

This question is framed as though I already support the MLK Gateway. I can not continue to support something that I am still very much undecided on. I approach any opportunity for positive change with open ears and an open mind. In truth, the conversations and the details surrounding MLK Gateway are sounding reminiscent of the conversations that took place regarding Skyland. As we know some of the corporate beneficiaries of the project did not hold up their end of the bargain. I do not want to see that in this instance. For that reason, I would be involved in the compliance aspects of this project and ensuring any and all promises are upheld and we have the necessary protective measures to penalize accordingly should they not be.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

It is important that bike-riding is normalized in all communities. I would start my commUNITY approach with a public education endeavor that teaches our community how to ride bikes and the benefits to their health and our environment. I would partner with sporting goods stores and more affluent Wards to gift bikes to residents who can not afford them and see it as a luxury. I would be sure to inform my neighbors of the Capital Bikeshare's Community Partners Program which enables residents to sign up at a fraction of the cost and receive free riding time. I would work with DDOT, my fellow ANC Commissioners, and Councilmember White, Sr. in order to identify 3 strong proposals for bike lanes or lack thereof that ensure all of my neighbors' safety.

Joseph B. Johnson

ANC and Single Member District: 8B03

1) Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):

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<i>Metro</i>	Never
<i>Metrobus</i>	Never
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<i>Scooter</i>	Never
<i>Shared Ride (e.g., Lyft, Uber)</i>	Never
<i>Personal Car/Motor Vehicle</i>	Frequently
<i>Shared Car/Motor Vehicle (e.g., Zipcar, Getaround, etc.)</i>	Never
<i>Walking</i>	Occasionally

2) If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.

I have spoken to several constituents about bike lanes and they have expressed bike lanes caused entirely too many accidents and so I will not be in support of bike lanes but I would be in support of any comprehensive plan that keeps residents safe and making Metro safe.

3) During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?

Yes, I do think that it is good to have online meetings as well as in-person meetings when the pandemic is over I will advocate to keep online meetings going as some constituents will not be able to attend in person.

4) To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?

I 100% support Mayor Bowser initiative to create more affordable housing in the District of Columbia. If elected I will advocate for more development and be in support of other affordable housing projects.

5) Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?

I would do everything in my power if elected to advocate on behalf of those businesses to get things that they need.

6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?

Violence, Public housing, I believe that we have to come up with a comprehensive plan for violence and Public Safety to keep our community and constituents safe.

The violence in the community is out of control and it is not no amount of money in the world that can fix that problem. We have to collectively come together to create a plan that works for our constituents and keep everyone safe.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

I truly believe I am the best candidate for the position because I want to be able to advocate on behalf of my constituents and not for my personal interest.

8) Will you support the Skyland Town Center and Barry Farms developments so that they serve the community's needs? Do you support the current plans?

Yes, I support Skyland Town Center and Barry Farms developments 100%. I support community friendly development that create opportunities for our constituents.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

It's simple we have to find a comprehensive plan to make sure that bikers that want to drive their bikes are safe. We most definitely have to do more to make sure that bikers and pedestrians are safe at all times. I would Advocate that we increase the tickets when pedestrians and bikers get hit, impossibly advocating looking into suspending licenses for up to two years possibly. Things like this would ensure that pedestrians and bikers stay safe.

Victoria Akinseye

ANC and Single Member District: 8C02

1) **Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):**

Mode of Travel	Frequency
<i>Metro</i>	Infrequently
<i>Metrobus</i>	Never
<i>Bike or Bikeshare</i>	Occasionally
<i>Scooter</i>	Never
<i>Shared Ride (e.g., Lyft, Uber)</i>	Infrequently
<i>Personal Car/Motor Vehicle</i>	Frequently
<i>Shared Car/Motor Vehicle (e.g., Zipcar, Getaround, etc.)</i>	Never
<i>Walking</i>	Frequently

2) **If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

In order to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in my neighborhood the city must make these options attractive and focus on safety, convenience, culture, and comfort for cyclist and people who walk on a regular basis. Furthermore, if improving these options required removing some on-street parking I would focus on the positive attributes on how the city would gain from improving the safety of bus service, people walking, or bicycling. To illustrate, instead of talking about removing on-street parking and shutting down streets, I would use positive speech that centers on how these attractive options will make the city a better area for people to live in and enjoy the outside atmosphere due to clean air and eliminating congestion. Moreover, opening more streets to people allowing them to ride the bus, walk freely or ride bikes without fear. Not to mention, property owners and businesses can also benefit from more walkable and bike-able streets because this will allow increase in property value and amplify retail sales. Overall, I would emphasize going green and increasing low emission transport options such as bicycling, walking, or metro bus service that would result in the city benefiting from economic rewards and provide residents a better quality of life.

3) **During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?**

I think moving the ANC meetings online has been both a plus and minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency. I say this because for many staying at home has been a lifesaver for everyone, especially our seniors due to the pandemic. The ANC meetings are opened to the public allowing many to join the meetings from the privacy of their own home. Residents are able to participate in the meetings, listen, ask questions, and give feedback if necessary. However, the unexpected shift to virtual interactions has some downside for a large number of people who cannot participate virtually due to lack of internet service, access to a computer, or mobile phone. In addition, many are not tech savvy which makes it even more difficult to engage in virtual meetings or activities. Going forward since things are starting to gradually open up, I would like to see ANCs provide options for in-person meetings, allowing those who cannot participate virtually have the option to attend in-person meetings. As a result, creates more inclusion, accessibility, and transparency where people don't feel left out of the conversation, or what's happening in the community.

- 4) To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

I definitely support Mayor Bowser's initiative to build 36,000 additional housing units in the District, making 12,000 housing units affordable for people. The District's cost of living is very expensive, so many people struggle to pay their rent, and cannot afford to live in the city due to high costs. I believe when people have access to safe affordable housing, it's easy for people to live stress free and maintain balance. The role my ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges would be to work together with city leaders to create an equitable distribution of affordable housing across the city. Moreover, create homeownership opportunities within our community, and promote homeward DC within my ANC's district. I live in Ward 8, which has the highest number of homeless people in the District. My neighborhood can contribute its fair share of the housing and growing city needs by helping the homeless and low-income residents off the streets. To illustrate, providing resources that will allow low-income and homeless people to receive educational support, job training, employment referrals, and housing resources can definitely address the housing affordability challenge in the District. As a result, will put residents in a position to purchase a home and afford housing in the city.

- 5) Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?**

In order to help support small and medium businesses in my community who are being threatened by COVID-19, I would advocate for deferring real estate, commercial rent, payroll, and sales taxes. Furthermore, instead of low-interest loans I would advocate for grants, and expand eligibility for payroll grants to cover companies with 5 or more employees. In addition, provide grants of up to \$100,000 for directly affected businesses and provide a grant program for property owners to keep commercial tenants. Moreover, advocate for a fund that would support small businesses that undertake deep cleanings as a result of an infection. Also, advocate to suspend fines, taxes, penalties, utility bills, and insurance premiums. Overall, I would advocate to expand safety net programs, fund emergency cash transfers, and allow for stimulus money to be delivered quickly to small and medium businesses, so that businesses can remain in business.

- 6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

I believe the biggest issue in my neighborhood is safety, illegal dumping, littering, and loitering. I feel that regardless if it's littering or illegal dumping, any improper disposal of trash is unlawful. There are several costs associated with cleanup, littering, and illegal dumping which becomes a plague on the community. Preventing economic development and the possibility of attracting more crime which is heavily rapid in Ward 8 already. Loitering is a big issue in my SMD 8C02 a lot of people gather in front of Mellon Market and King Ave liquor store housed on the corner of MLK Ave and Malcolm X Ave, causing people to litter and dump trash in this area. Consequently, depicting a very degrading and disgusting environment, while the police just observe without taking any action. Not to mention, the business owners of these established allow loitering to happen because they are afraid, but someone still needs to be held accountable for these acts. Not only does loitering deter customers, but it creates security concerns, public image concerns, and costs money. Not to mention, the lack of response from the National Park Service is not very helpful either, since the majority of the illegal dumping is done along Sheppard's Pkwy. All these problems lead to heightened instances of vandalism, fighting, gun violence, and disturbances that cause exterior security threats. As a result, creates safety concerns for the residents who live in this community. In conclusion, I strongly feel that a clean community or environment creates safer cleaner streets, decreases acts of violence, and allows residents to feel more comfortable, and safer in the community.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

I think I'm the best person to represent my SMD 8C02 because as a great leader and advocate you must be an expert communicator, which I am. I'm very impeccable with my words ensuring my actions match my words, and are harmonious with my values. Furthermore, I stand firm in what I believe in terms of my core values, my values set the tone providing behavioral guidelines for those who support me, believe in me, and my values. In a nutshell, I'm a visionary who knows where I'm headed with one foot in the future, one in the present, and I view my role as manifesting my vision of the future.

8) How will you continue to support the St. Elizabeths and Barry Farms developments so that they serve the community's needs? Do you support the current plans?

I will continue to support the St. Elizabeth's and Barry Farm developments, so that the plans continue to support the community's needs by ensuring all plans will benefit the residents of the people living in the community. The goal is to improve the quality of life by addressing both physical and human architecture of the Ward 8 community. Hence, I will continue to advocate for the residents to ensure the creation of social and economic welfare is merged within the community allowing new housing, roads, public facilities, and state of the art community amenities. Yes, I do support the current plans to create and build more new affordable housing in the Ward 8 community.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

Streets with high vehicle speeds and volumes generate the possibility for conflicts for bike riders, who end up riding on sidewalks that do not provide adequate separation from pedestrians. I would approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8 by creating more bike lanes for riders to make use of, in order to reduce the amount bicyclist riding on the sidewalks where pedestrians walk on. Thus, helps reduce conflicts such as bicyclist running into pedestrians on the sidewalk. In addition, I would lower speed limits on roadways with bicycle lanes which would reduce the speed of traffic and reduces the likelihood of death and the severity of injury for pedestrians when collisions do happen. Moreover, I would improve road infrastructure in Ward 8, by making the roadway safer for vehicles, making it even safer for pedestrians and bike riders too. Improvements like even pavements, smooth streets, and clear lane markings makes a whole lot of a difference. Overall, by physically separating bicyclist and pedestrians from the flow of traffic can increase protection for everyone, while simultaneously allowing traffic to move more smoothly for other road users.

Tasha J. Powell

ANC and Single Member District: 8C03

- 1) **Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):**

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<i>Metro</i>	Frequently
<i>Metrobus</i>	Occasionally
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<i>Scooter</i>	Never
<i>Shared Ride (e.g., Lyft, Uber)</i>	Never
<i>Personal Car/Motor Vehicle</i>	Occasionally
<i>Shared Car/Motor Vehicle (e.g., Zipcar, Getaround, etc.)</i>	Never
<i>Walking</i>	Frequently

- 2) **If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I would work with residents to find acceptable solutions. If the residents don't want to lose parking, then we can look at other options such as posting signs that bikes share a full lane with cars, improving sidewalks, adjusting traffic lights, as well as improving crosswalks by installing flashing lights when pedestrians are present.

- 3) **During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?**

It may have been a plus for some residents and an inconvenience for the senior residents and residents who may not have access to technology in my district. Not everyone is comfortable navigating within virtual spaces so it's important that we continue to provide alternative options. Moving forward, I would love for the meetings to continue in virtual spaces as well as provide the option of attending in person as long as CDC guidelines are followed.

- 4) **To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

I support the initiative 100%. The ANC can play a role by educating the community on the resources that are available as well as ensuring that everyone receives a fair chance at affordable and safe housing. My neighborhood is currently contributing to the housing needs of the city at the St. Elizabeth's East campus. This upcoming development is providing affordable apartments and townhomes.

- 5) **Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?**

I would advocate and support reduced business taxes as well as grants for these businesses.

6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?

Public safety continues to be a big issue in the community, whether it's gun violence, drugs, inadequate lighting in the alleys, traffic safety, blighted buildings and trash in the community. DC has so many programs and agency's that will help us address some of these issues and I look forward to working with all of them to improve these issues in my community.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

I think that I am the best person to represent my SMD because I bring a fresh perspective, a desire to do the work and seek out the opportunities and resources that my community needs to thrive. What I bring is servant-leadership.

8) How will you continue to support the St. Elizabeths and Barry Farms developments so that they serve the community's needs? Do you support the current plans?

I support the current plans for St. Elizabeth's and Barry Farms. I feel that my community has been left out of all the developments taking place throughout the city. I will continue to support the efforts by ensuring that the community has a voice concerning the things we would like to see that will better our community.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

I would approach pedestrian and bicycle safety by proposing resolutions to add pedestrian flashing lights, improving the sidewalks in the community, especially on busy streets like Alabama Ave and MLK, and restricting parking during rush hour.

Salim Adofo

ANC and Single Member District: 8C07

- 1) **Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):**

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<i>Walking</i>	Frequently

- 2) **If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I would work with residents to draft resolutions to increase bike lanes in my commission.

- 3) **During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?**

I think that in theory it serves as a plus for more people to participate, however in my commission that has not proved to be true. Some of my counterparts have had a difficult time navigating the online space and so have our residents. What I think our ANC can do is to have a hybrid method reaching constituents. There can be a combination of public meetings and virtual ANC Committee meetings.

- 4) **To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

I do support the initiative. The ANC can play a role by helping to educate the community on how to access the available opportunities. The ANC can communicate on a regular basis information on home ownership programs for low income residents. It can also help residents to get into home buyer programs to improve their credit. In my ANC, the campus of St. Elizabeths is a place that new homes are being built. Our ANC can consistently work with the city to find developers to develop the parcel on the campus into affordable housing.

- 5) **Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?**

I would advocate for reduced business taxes and if funding is available, increased grant opportunities.

6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?

Public safety is a very big issue in our community. I will continue to work with the schools in our community to educate our children on conflict resolution techniques to solve their issues, instead of using violence.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

I have experience as a commissioner and I am the current secretary. As secretary, I recorded the commissions minutes and have made them available for the public for the first time in five years for the commission. I have developed the commissions first newsletter. I have helped to bring our commission into compliance with the standards of the DC Auditor. I lead the commissions work in submitting recommendations to the Districts Comprehensive Plan, in which two recommendations were approved.

8) How will you continue to support the St. Elizabeths and Barry Farms developments so that they serve the community's needs? Do you support the current plans?

I do support the current plans. Both of these communities were in dire need of development and improvement. I will continue to support the developments by sharing the information the developers send to me, with the residents. I will facilitate the participation of the residents by seeking feedback from the residents and communicating that to the developers. I will encourage residents to come to the meetings and voice their concerns.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

I would approach traffic safety in the ward by passing resolutions in reducing the speed limit, increasing bike lanes and restricting parking along Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE during rush hour.

Alyse Newhouse

ANC and Single Member District: 8D06

- 1) **Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):**

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<i>Shared Car/Motor Vehicle (e.g., Zipcar, Getaround, etc.)</i>	Never
<i>Walking</i>	Infrequently

- 2) **If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

My SMD is an established community with many seniors and families. From talking with neighbors and residents, overwhelmingly, they treasure on-street parking and to be able to park in front of their homes, especially along MLK SW. The bus routes within my SMD mostly comprise of South Capitol and MLK SW which residents use to catch the bus to both Congress Heights and Anacostia metro station. Given the streets are wide, to create a more safe environment for bikers and those walking I would support protected bike lanes on South Cap and MLK SW, especially those going to Oxon Run Park.

- 3) **During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?**

Moving ANC meetings to become virtual have their challenges but to comply with D.C. health regulations, it's necessary for the safety of our residents. In our SMD, the meetings are not visible enough and I've only seen them posted in Next Door. I've only seen a few "likes", so it leaves me to believe that it isn't reaching enough residents. Approximately 40% of residents East of the River have access to internet services, so that also proposes a challenge. I'd propose the following;

1. Keeping the virtual meetings for accessibility.
2. For those that are unaware of the meetings; possibly print a "handbill" with the top bullets of outputs or votes from the ANC meeting. This also could include a QR code that links to an ANC website with the latest updates. (We could include a set of instructions for seniors (and others) on how to hold the camera over the code, click on the link, etc.) This could be a quarterly handbill and each ANC could do a sweep of their SMD place at every home. The handbills that I've used for my campaign were approximately \$200 for 5000 copies. This would help to "bring" information right to residents' doorsteps and could be a good step in the right direction for inclusion efforts.
3. Have a dedicated website for ANC related outputs, votes and information that should be brought to residents. This would provide a higher level of transparency for residents.

- 4) **To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

Yes, I support this initiative. Our ANC could contribute in a few ways;

1. Policy- Support policy that eliminates loopholes for developers to opt out of building affordable housing units for new construction.
 2. Development- Build mix use apartments and condos where affordable housing units make up 30-50% of the units. It's also important to encourage home ownership in our ANC, but not leaving behind renters as well.
 3. Community Based Organizations- Encourage the creation of an additional CBO East of the River to alleviate Lydia's House which provides Housing Counseling Services, Home Ownership and Inclusionary Zoning for Affordable Dwelling Units.
- 5) **Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?**

I would partner with the Mayor's Office of Nightlife & Culture to partner on various initiatives that help to keep our businesses open. Specifically, I would help spread information where D.C. provides \$6,000 in grants that winterize and provide outdoor seating for restaurants. Unfortunately, we need more food options East of the River, so I would prioritize working with residents and D.C. government to bring more dining options to our area. I would also ensure that residents had all information to apply for federal funds to sustain their businesses.

- 6) **What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

The biggest issue in my neighborhood centers around public safety. There are hotspots in my SMD that is known to engage in illegal activity that puts the neighborhood at risk. Many residents have expressed concern for their budding families and question if they moved to the right neighborhood. I would cooperate with MPD to help alleviate these issues so that ultimately, residents, families and children feel safe.

- 7) **In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?**

I've been an advocate for my community and specifically Black women and girls with the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Metropolitan Washington, DC for the past 4 years. As a leader within this organization, I have raised more than \$60,000 to support black women and girls in the areas of health, economic empowerment and education where we awarded grants to black women owned businesses. In addition, I supported policy to enhance the D.C. Student Empowerment and Equity Programs with additional funding resources and supported legislation aimed to improve perinatal health and address racial disparities in birth outcomes for mothers in Wards 7 and 8. With this being a Decennial year, I understand it's importance and began working with the U.S. Census Bureau in 2015 where my contributions led to the first digital Census in federal government history. I have a proven track record of leadership, passion and social responsibility and care about the people that live around me.

- 8) **What are the greatest opportunities for growth, development, or change in the community, and how will you use your role to make it happen?**

The greatest opportunities for growth, development and change in my opinion, center around these few options;

1. Food Deserts- Ward 8 needs more healthy food options and dining. It is imperative that we provide the opportunity for small business owners to establish more of a presence by offering incentives to address this problem. I'd also like to bring the Ward 8 Farmer's Market to my SMD in a location (maybe at Leckie parking lot)
2. Responsible Economic Development- Community centric development is needed in our area which means (for example) a decrease of liquor stores and increase in retail options that bring out the best in us. We must use our voice to look at all permits for new businesses looking to establish themselves within our community.
3. Improved Access to Health Services- Given the economy, job loss and those members that deal with mental illness, I would explore how to support expanding various programs that help residents deal with mental illness and drug use.
4. Jobs/Job Creation- Working with Department of Employment Services to get those that lost their job back to work and highlighting various openings to the community on our ANC website page.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

Ward 8 residents ride bikes. Pedestrian and bicyclist safety is not an either or solutions. We need bikes lanes along our major thoroughways and the right mix of speedbumps, traffic signs and traffic lights to ensure that residents feel safe. We also should be creative in how we operationalize this by having the right enforcement measures.

La Verne Glenn

ANC and Single Member District: 8D06

1) Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):

Mode of Travel	Frequency
<i>Metro</i>	Infrequently
<i>Metrobus</i>	Occasionally
<i>Bike or Bikeshare</i>	Never
<i>Scooter</i>	Never
<i>Shared Ride (e.g., Lyft, Uber)</i>	Frequently
<i>Personal Car/Motor Vehicle</i>	Frequently
<i>Shared Car/Motor Vehicle (e.g., Zipcar, Getaround, etc.)</i>	Infrequently
<i>Walking</i>	Frequently

2) If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.

I represent the 'Bellevue' area where there no nearby metro station and very limited places to park. In order to remove some on-street parking, WMATA next station location will have to be in our area. I will also want to ensure there is sufficient lighting in the area along the bus line and metro station. This will allow other transportation options and a justification to remove a few on-street parking.

3) During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?

Due to the current pandemic, it is a great idea to have monthly meetings and SMD updates via zoom, webex or microsoft team. This allow Constituents and community leaders to continue have ongoing updates and discuss concerns regarding the community.

4) To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?

Yes I support Mayor Bowser proposed initiative to build 36,000 additional affordable housing units. As an ANC I can ensure the developers abide by DCHD requirements for Inclusionary Zoning and Housing Production Trust Fund. By having more housing development, this will also increase employment opportunities, population, and it will be a positive economic impact.

5) Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?

I will advocate for retail and restaurants to increase their delivery or curbside options and additional economic relief grant to cover losses during COVID-19.

6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?

The biggest issue in my neighborhood is public safety. I will continue to work with MPD, Councilmember White office, OAG and the residents to address the concerns and enforce the law.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

I am the best person to represent SMD 8D06 because I am a DC native. I very much familiar with all of the DC government agencies to resolve matters related to community. I have proven positive results when addressing Constiuents concerns and assisting elected officials and leaders.

8) What are the greatest opportunities for growth, development, or change in the community, and how will you use your role to make it happen?

I I will provide residents with the tools and information for Department of Small & Local Business Development and the available opportunities DCRA have to offer to Create a Business in DC.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

I would ensure there is a visible pedestrian/bike sign and HAWK signal to ensure the safety of pedestrians and bicyclist. In addition will be a fine for violators.

Holly Muhammad

ANC and Single Member District: 8E01

1) **Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):**

Mode of Travel	Frequency
<i>Metro</i>	Never
<i>Metrobus</i>	Never
<i>Bike or Bikeshare</i>	Never
<i>Scooter</i>	Never
<i>Shared Ride (e.g., Lyft, Uber)</i>	Occasionally
<i>Personal Car/Motor Vehicle</i>	Frequently
<i>Shared Car/Motor Vehicle (e.g., Zipcar, Getaround, etc.)</i>	Never
<i>Walking</i>	Infrequently

2) **If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I don't believe taking away parking would improve safety and or bus services.

3) **During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?**

I believe the meetings have been a plus to keep residents aware on what's going on and the safety for health reasons

4) **To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

I like the fact that more housing is being built however I feel there needs to be a reassessment on the AMI considering that most people that live East Of the River don't bring in that income.

5) **Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?**

Continue take out and limited dining in.

6) **What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

The biggest issue is safety for our youth. My goal is to work closely with all advocates, activist and leadership of Ward 8.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

I believe that as leader I have the heart and mindset to satisfy all constituents in the area.

I aim to fight for housing, safety and education.

More clean-up for blighted areas

Integrity

24hr open line of communication

8) How will you continue to support the St. Elizabeths redevelopment so it serves the community's needs? Do you support the current plan?

I support the current plan

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

I feel our area in Ward 8 is too congested for bike lanes

Bruce Jones

ANC and Single Member District: 8E02

- 1) **Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):**

Mode of Travel	Frequency
<i>Metro</i>	Frequently
<i>Metrobus</i>	Occasionally
<i>Bike or Bikeshare</i>	Infrequently
<i>Scooter</i>	Never
<i>Shared Ride (e.g., Lyft, Uber)</i>	Occasionally
<i>Personal Car/Motor Vehicle</i>	Frequently
<i>Shared Car/Motor Vehicle (e.g., Zipcar, Getaround, etc.)</i>	Never
<i>Walking</i>	Frequently

- 2) **If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.**

I would directly approach those who would be affected and state the pros and cons of the idea and ask them their opinion.

- 3) **During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?**

Good a regular scheduled advertised meeting. If elected I will use email lists, social media, and general door knocking to let people know what is going on.

- 4) **To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?**

Change the number to 40 percent of AMI. I live in ward 8 we have shouldered the responsibility of having the most affordable housing in the city. What's best for our community is that be affordable housing be built in wars 1-6.

- 5) **Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?**

Tax subsidies for new businesses that open in our vacant storefronts. Access to grants and government insured loans for those businesses that can prove their business are in need as a direct result of Covid-19. They need to prove they were profitable before the downturn and have to be operating in the red for the assistance to be a grant.

- 6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?**

Violent crime and education.

- 7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?**

I'm committed to getting my community more civically involved. I'm the only candidate who has held an ABRA license. I am honest to a fault. I am humble enough to ask for help when needed and smart enough to get the job done.

- 8) How will you continue to support the St. Elizabeths redevelopment so it serves the community's needs? Do you support the current plan?**

Continue to support it through talking about its strengths and the value it adds to residents of the entire Congress Heights area. I will push for more updates in blighted properties for example the apartment complex across from the Congress Heights metro. I would like to have more space for professional offices and retail.

- 9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?**

As a priority safety of our residents comes first.

Shaquan Hudson

ANC and Single Member District: 8E05

1) Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):

Mode of Travel	Frequency
<i>Metro</i>	Never
<i>Metrobus</i>	Never
<i>Bike or Bikeshare</i>	Never
<i>Scooter</i>	Never
<i>Shared Ride (e.g., Lyft, Uber)</i>	Never
<i>Personal Car/Motor Vehicle</i>	Frequently
<i>Shared Car/Motor Vehicle (e.g., Zipcar, Getaround, etc.)</i>	Never
<i>Walking</i>	Frequently

2) If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.

Before finalizing the initiative, I'll inform residents of the removal of the on-street parking and recommend that residents prepare for the changes that are coming to the neighborhood.

3) During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?

The online ANC's meeting have been an exclusion for residents within my SMD. Most of the residents in SMD 8EO5 have never been informed of what an ANC member is and their role in the community.

4) To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?

I support this initiative, however, I'm not too fond of the number of availability housing providing for residents who makes less than 60% or less the Area Median Income in the District. the role local ANC's can play in bringing awareness to the community about the initiative is to inform local residents of the project, the availability of how, when, and who can apply for newer residents within the new development. My neighborhood can contribute to this initiative by uplifting its infrastructure and economic development to better improve the city as a whole. it would be great for local residents to obtain higher education and or improve their economic status that potential residents who desires to move within the new developments can do so with no financial problems and also save the city money by not having to rely on the city's financial assistance programs to pay for housing.

5) Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?

I would advocate that local community developers can cultivate long-lasting entrepreneurial ecosystems and implement stronger piecemeal projects. We need local businesses that can remain in business during emergency crisis that can fully depend on the city to assist with emergency funds so that member so the community will not experience food and health disparities.

6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?

The main issues within my neighborhood would be the increase of gun violence and lack of speed bumps on the roads. as a residents who have an innocent victim of gun violence multiple times, my position would be to bridge the gap between public safety and the residents that our street can become safer and stronger together.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

I am the best person to represent my SMD because not only am I a trustworthy resident of my community, I have also had the share of experiencing the difficulties of the challenges residents in Ward 8 continue to be faced with. My community needs a reliable community leader that will not make decisions for residents without the approval of residents and allow residents to feel more inclusive with new initiatives. The role of a community leader is to bridge the gap between residents and the community and I plan on doing just that as the next elected ANC Commissioner of 8E05.

8) How will you continue to support the St. Elizabeths redevelopment so it serves the community's needs? Do you support the current plan?

I support the current plan of St. Elizabeth and I'll continue to support by advocating new ideas about bringing beneficial businesses that will serve the community of all ages.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

I would approach the pedestrian and bicyclist safety by implementing more pedestrian and bicyclist signs with bright alert lights on main and side streets to ensure safety for all residents walking, riding, and or driving.

Brittany G. Cummings

ANC and Single Member District: 8E06

- 1) Pre-COVID, approximately how often did you travel by (Never, Infrequently, Occasionally, Frequently):

Mode of Travel	Frequency
<i>Metro</i>	Frequently
<i>Metrobus</i>	Infrequently
<i>Bike or Bikeshare</i>	Infrequently
<i>Scooter</i>	Never
<i>Shared Ride (e.g., Lyft, Uber)</i>	Frequently
<i>Personal Car/Motor Vehicle</i>	Frequently
<i>Shared Car/Motor Vehicle (e.g., Zipcar, Getaround, etc.)</i>	Never
<i>Walking</i>	Frequently

- 2) If there were a way to improve bus service or safety for people walking or bicycling in your neighborhood, but it required removing some on-street parking, how would you approach the situation? Give a specific example if possible.

Washington Highlands is a highly residential area with virtually no retail or other destinations for people to visit. That said, on-street parking is extremely important because it is the only place for the majority residents to park their cars when they go home. On the other hand, my SMD includes several senior citizens who no longer drive and who depend on the bus to get to the places of businesses that do not exist in our area. I would be extremely mindful of removing the already hard to come by on-street parking spaces, given the specific needs and details of my SMD, but would also want to prioritize better and safer bus service for the many members of our community who need it.

- 3) During the pandemic, ANC meetings have moved online. Do you think that has been a plus or minus for inclusion, accessibility, and transparency? What would you like to see ANCs do moving forward?

I am sad to say that when the pandemic began, my ANC did not transition to online meetings. Though a case was made that tools such as Zoom are less accessible and useful for those in my neighborhood, that is an assumption that is not fully validated. While some may have difficult transitioning to online meetings, many have come to understand how to make it work especially with the realization that the current state is not temporary. If I am elected ANC, I will do all I can to reinstate online meetings, without which we have lost much needed inclusion and transparency. Though all cannot be a part (which was the same situation when meetings were in person), it is better to make the information as available as possible and provide a means for members of the community to connect with their commission.

- 4) To meet the District's housing needs, Mayor Bowser has proposed building 36,000 additional housing units in the District by 2025, 12,000 of which would be affordable to people making 60% or less of the Area Median Income. Do you support this initiative, and if so, what role do you think your ANC could play in addressing housing affordability challenges? How and where can your neighborhood contribute its fair share of the housing our growing city needs?

As we see the District continue to develop and gentrify in ways that displace long time residents, affordable housing is key to combatting that. My SMD largely consists of affordable housing and I am glad that so many DC residents are able to remain in the District because of it. That said, in areas like mine, market rate housing is also key to bringing in development that will bring much needed opportunity and resource to the area. My neighbors talk to me often about wanting more grocery stores and retail options, but those stores will not come if they cannot support their business models with a certain number of residents at varying levels of income. Very often, city services and affordable housing are disproportionately located, with the vast majority being East of the River. Affordable housing should be spread across the District, particularly in areas where affordability has become most challenged. As ANC I will capably represent my SMD to ensure the right type of development is happening in my area.

5) Many retail and restaurant spaces are being threatened by COVID-19. What would you advocate to help support small and medium businesses in your community?

Unfortunately in my area small businesses, retail and restaurants are hard to find. As ANC I will help to connect my neighbors to the available programs that provide support and funding for entrepreneurs. Many are not aware of what's available for them and as such do not have the necessary support to start businesses. I will work to overcome these barriers to get the information to my neighbors.

6) What is the biggest issue in your neighborhood not already listed on this questionnaire, and what is your position on it?

After months of interviews and discussions with residents in my SMD, I've learned that a lack of connection is the biggest issue. First, it shows up in our connectivity to the opportunities available for District residents. Unfortunately in an area where internet access is inconsistent (another connectivity issue), posting information online only is not enough. A concerted effort needs to be made to share opportunities for education, entrepreneurship, and enrichment with residents of 8E06. Second, there is a lack of connection to one another. Through the work I am doing with A Wider Circle to bring a Family Success Center to the Highlands, I've learned that many residents simply want more activities, events, and opportunities to build community with neighbors, as well as to keep young people better occupied. Once COVID no longer presents challenges to gathering, I will focus on creating one-off and ongoing opportunities for neighbors to come together and engage in enriching activity.

7) In fewer than 5 sentences, why do you think you are the best person to represent your SMD?

First and most importantly, I am already working hard on behalf of my SMD, as I noted with my work with A Wider Circle as well my ongoing volunteer work as a board member of the Greater Washington Urban League. Additionally, through my extensive canvassing I have already shown my commitment to being ingrained in the neighborhood and truly connecting with my neighbors. I know I can serve as a strong and capable voice for this community, inspiring much needed trust in this office.

8) How will you continue to support the St. Elizabeths redevelopment so it serves the community's needs? Do you support the current plan?

Though St. Elizabeth's is not in my SMD, I will continue to join the meetings of the commission (8C) that contains this development. I will ask tough questions to ensure the community agreements are thorough and actually deliver for residents so that this development does not completely displace current long time residents of Congress Heights.

9) Whether you agree with Councilmember White or not on the addition of bike lanes in Ward 8, how would you approach pedestrian and bicyclist safety in Ward 8?

Pedestrian and cyclist safety is paramount for Ward 8. As such it must be prioritized. As tough as it is to deal with as a driver, traffic cameras and similar measures have been shown to be effective in encouraging safer driving. I would consider supporting additional cameras in my neighborhood, with the caveat that these should not be abused or misused in a way that causes undue financial hardship to residents.