



# AIM County Council Candidate Questionnaire

Responses from Tiquia J. Bennett candidate for District 2

## **Affordable Housing**

How would you work with AIM to increase the Housing Initiative Fund to \$100M by the year 2022?  
By making sure all developers and taxes contribute directly into it. Being directly involved with the members of the community is the only way to secure our future and our ability to thrive as a county.

*How would you work with AIM to put 200 units of affordable housing on public land, in the development pipeline each year?*

I will fight for policy making more new units affordable housing units by raising the current percentage.

## **Equity in Schools**

*How will you work with AIM to expand the Excel Beyond the Bell Elementary program to four additional Title I elementary schools each year so that the program serves 2,400 students by the year 2022?*

Raising awareness of the direct benefit this program serves to the members of the community. Our children are our future and we need to do our part to make sure its a bright one. For ALL of our children.

## **Protecting Immigrants and Refugees**

*Many Montgomery County families are living in fear of one or more parent being separated from their children because of deportation. How will you work with AIM to include funding for deportation defense and family preparedness in the county budget, as well as work with AIM to find private funding for these efforts?*

Our county thrives because of the diversity of our residence. We have a responsibility to protect our people and help strengthen families not tear them apart. My father was deported and I had to struggle with my single mother. Nothing positive comes from ripping families apart. I will fight in every way to make sure the county properly protects all of our residence.

*Will you commit to work with AIM and Montgomery County landlords to house refugees in Montgomery County?*

Yes as well as housing our current homeless and needy families in our community.

## **Transportation**

*Will you work with AIM to protect good transportation jobs from privatization?*

Definitely.

*How will you hold WMATA accountable to prevent cutting bus service in the county, particularly to low-income areas?*

Services should be provided to every area of the county. We will enforce Penalties and fines for non compliance. Or we could look into a service who does not discriminate.



**Democracy with Accountability**

*Do you commit to meeting with AIM within a month of taking office, and on a quarterly basis subsequently?*

I will commit to meeting with AIM and any other organizations in the community dedicated to helping our residence.