



AIM County Council Candidate Questionnaire

Responses from Kenge Malikidogo-Fludd candidate for District 5

Affordable Housing

How would you work with AIM to increase the Housing Initiative Fund to \$100M by the year 2022?
Increase to the Housing Initiative Fund is important because I would like to rebuild our community building through inclusive initiatives. I would like to hear from and receive recommendations from AIM as to the most effective way to increase the fund.

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

I would participate in AIM events, and review recommendations to ensure that any proposed legislation and resolutions included input from AIM.

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?

I learned of Excel Beyond the Bell while they were at the Nonprofit Village, and was thrilled to learn of such a program. I will work with AIM to determine which Title I schools are most in need of the program and find opportunities for public and private partnerships to help expand the program. We must look at innovative ways to fund important programs such as these, while still providing County funding.

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?

Yes I will. I am a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the process separated my family for almost a year. It was a challenging time and I would support providing a fund to ensure that families are not separated.

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

Yes, as I will.

Transportation

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

I need some clarification on the concern here. If referring to Ride-On, School Bus Drivers, and other county provided transportation I would need additional information.



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

I've researched how to hold WMATA accountable and there are nice recommendations however I need more information to provide you with a solution. It is possible that we can seek to review Ride On routes in other areas of the county where WMATA is less likely to services, and shift resources to communities in need. I've taken public transit in Montgomery for almost my entire time here, so I have experienced the impact of lack of transit, and will work with AIM to address this issue.

Democracy with Accountability

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

Yes I do.