



AIM County Council Candidate Questionnaire

Responses from Reggie Oldak candidate for District 1

Affordable Housing

How would you work with AIM to increase the Housing Initiative Fund to \$100M by the year 2022?

I agree with the recommendation in last year's Rental Housing Study report that Montgomery County should follow DC's lead and increase dedicated HIF funding to at least \$100 million annually, as part of the Council's budget process.

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

I believe that everyone deserves an affordable, decent home – whether they own or rent. An array of housing options means residents can remain in the community as they age and as their financial circumstances change. Employers benefit from an expanded pool of qualified workers living nearby, and shorter commutes reduce traffic congestion and pollution. Parents who live close to their jobs not only save on transportation costs but also have more time to spend with their children. We need to take the long view in Montgomery County in order to ensure that we preserve options for affordable housing. The County should conduct a comprehensive evaluation of all publicly-owned land as soon as possible. Because master plans are often in effect for decades, publicly-owned land should be zoned to allow for affordable housing, whether that option is realized in the near term or far in the future. Then, development of housing stock can proceed with intention and forethought.

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 would collaborate with the Montgomery County Collaboration Council, Montgomery County Recreation Department, MCPS, and other stakeholders to make sure that the County is funding the EBB program to the full extent possible.

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?

Montgomery County residents facing deportation should have legal representation regardless of their ability to pay. Local agencies should not engage in civil immigration enforcement.

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

Yes.



Transportation

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

Yes.

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

Bus service should be frequent and reliable throughout the County. I commit to working with WMATA to ensure that service is not cut, especially in low-income communities.

Democracy with Accountability

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

Yes.