



AIM County Council Candidate Questionnaire

Responses from Dalbin Osorio 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 would look for alternative funding streams that would allow us to not make these binary choices leading to an either/or debate. It's important that we support all of our community.

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

I would support the development of housing units in all jurisdictions. Studies show that one of the reasons we end up with a lack of affordable housing is because we try to keep these units clustered in one area. This allows for housing costs to be increased in this area, due to the density of the population. This is a form of structural oppression, in a lot of ways, and it is one that needs to cease being utilized. If we are developing additional metro stations to accommodate overcrowding, then we need to also ensure that people can live everywhere in Montgomery County.

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 partner with MCPS and the Board of Education to identify these four additional schools, and ensure that the transitions for those schools go smoothly. I have been a Program Manager for a Foundation that handles Title 4 programming, and the one thing Principals always told me was that they appreciated how they were always kept in the loop about any decisions made. I've learned that it is both important to be transparent during the transition and afterwards.

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?

I would partner with community-based organizations to host Know Your Right townhalls, so that accurate information is shared. I would be in support of legal clinics conducted by immigration law students at our local law schools so people can have representation in case they are ever caught in deportation proceedings.

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

Yes, I commit to this cause. I am the son of an immigrant, and am eternally grateful for the people in my community that took our family in and supported us.



Transportation

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

Yes, I will.

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

I would create an advisory board that is collectively bargained to ensure adequate oversight and accountability.

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.